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Seniors showing support for 1071st

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Senior citizens in the region are joining forces for Operation 1071st.

Residents in retirement housing facilities in Grayling, Gaylord and Roscommon are collecting items which will be sent in care packages to the troops in the 1071st Maintenance Company.

The men and women of the 1071st, who have been taking part in training at Fort Bliss, Texas, will depart for a 12-month mission in Iraq after they spend the Easter holiday with family and friends.

Based out of Camp Grayling, the 1071st Maintenance Company includes metal workers, machinists, crane operators, welders and mechanics specializing in military vehicles, heavy armor and weapons.

The project to gather items for the 1071st Maintenance Company is being coordinated by the staff and residents at the Aspen Ridge Retirement Village in Gaylord. The staff and residents were inspired to support the unit because Aspen Ridge Administrator Keitha Lochinski's husband, Tim Lochinski, recently retired from the 1071st Unit.

"A lot of our residents are extremely patriotic and they
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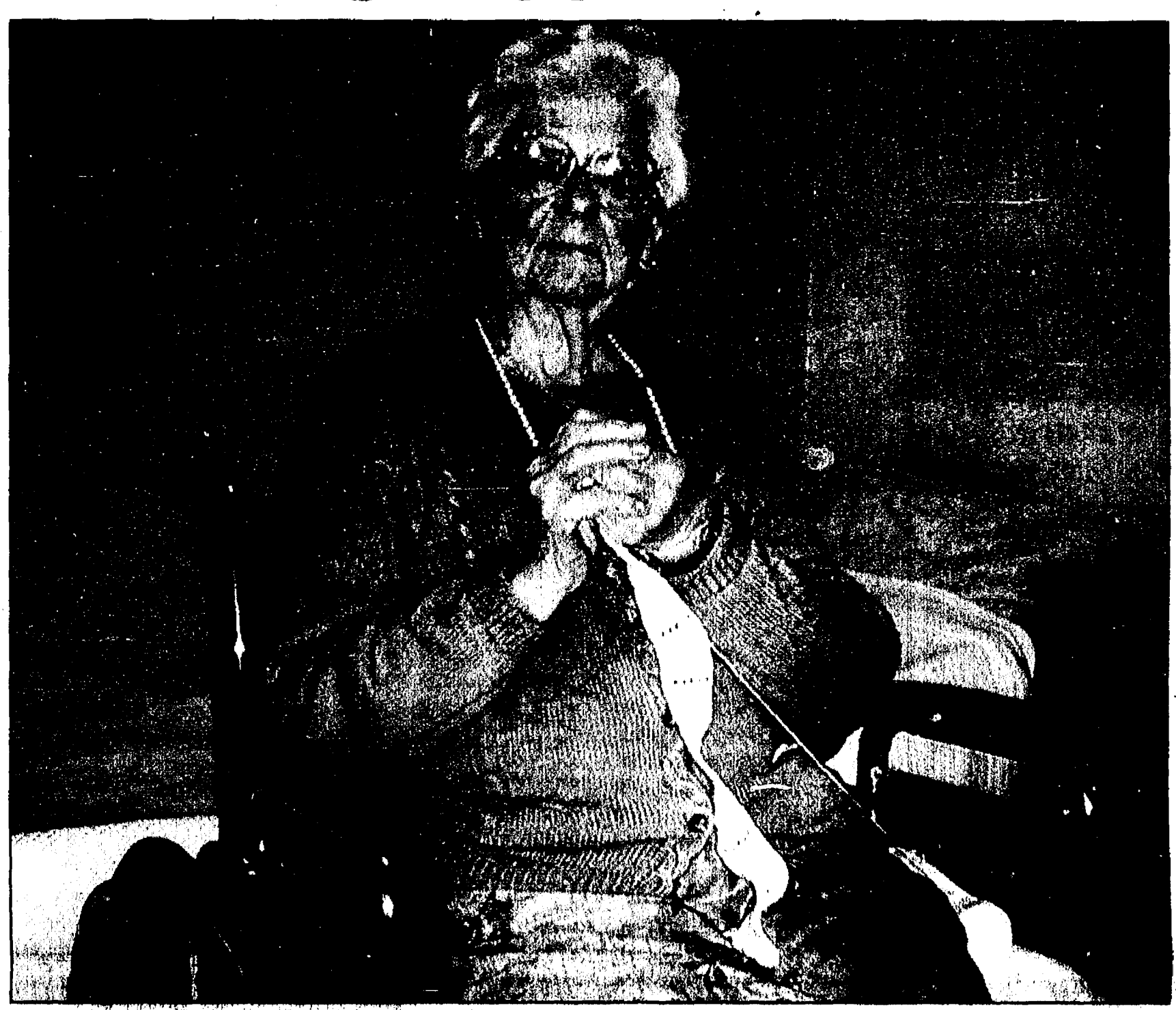


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Gladys Johnson, who is 100-years-old, plans to put some of her knitting creations in the boxes which will be sent from the Grayling Nursing Centre to the 1071st Maintenance Company while the troops are in Iraq.

Grayling Marine returns from Iraq

by Shane Lewallen
Special to the Avalanche

While on guard duty in Iraq near the city of Fallujah, Lance Corporal Terrence Ryan noticed a young Sheppard boy, about 7, drop to one knee and take aim on a fellow Marine. Well-trained for moments like these, Ryan didn't think twice and immediately chambered a round in his M-16 A2 service rifle.

Keeping the Rules of Engagement in mind, Ryan locked the boy into the sights of his weapon. He was ready to fire when the boy jumped up waving his hands in the air. In one hand was a harmless Sheppard stick he used to simulate as a rifle.

"I about shot him," said Ryan. An aviation operation specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps, Ryan, 19, can breathe a little easier these days. After seven months in Iraq he's home in Grayling to visit his family. No longer is he a target in a hostile land.

"It feels great. I'm glad to be out of the stressful combat zone. I don't have to worry about rounds hitting me or blowing up on the side of the road," said Ryan.
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Animal Shelter applying for grant

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is applying for a grant through a federal United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program to help build a new animal shelter.

Funds from the program are earmarked to help emergency first responder efforts by financing needed equipment and services.

The grant was brought to the attention of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board by Beaver Creek Township resident Kathy Mobarak.

The shelter has operated on land leased from the Crawford County Road Commission for the last 30 years and buildings and facilities are worn out.

"We're getting to the point where things are unrepairable anymore," said Cheryl Ruley, secretary/treasurer for the animal shelter board.

The road commission board is planning to use the shelter property for a future garage expansion.

Recently, the road commission board agreed to extend the lease for the shelter to 2006 in order to give shelter officials time to raise

funds for a new facility. Animal shelter officials have estimated it would cost between \$200,000 and \$400,000 for a new shelter and are currently crunching numbers with an architect to determine exact costs.

"What we're interested in is having a good, durable, clean facility," Ruley said.

Crawford County Commissioners and Animal Shelter Board President Sharon Priebe are also working with Department of Natural Resource officials to secure land off of Old 27 for a new shelter. Shelter officials are seeking property near the roadway in order to maintain visibility with the public and to help curb building and operating costs. The DNR has previously designated land off of the roadway near the Crawford County Fairgrounds for the shelter.

"When it comes down to the nitty gritty, having the land is key," Priebe said.

The shelter board is getting letters of support from the City of Grayling, Crawford County and townships in the county for the grant.

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BIG, BAD WOLF



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

Tom Dale, a retired Kirtland Community College science instructor, shows off pelts from legally trapped wolves to Grayling Elementary School students. Dale, who is now the education director for the Gahagan Nature Preserve in Roscommon, detailed the natural history of this threatened creature that is making a comeback in Michigan.

Schools evacuated after power surge

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A jolt of power sent hundreds of elementary and primary school students for a brief stay in their future school surroundings last week.

A power surge caused a power outage at the Grayling Elementary School around 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15. About half of the rooms in the school were left without power and lighting fixtures in several areas of the building heated up, causing them to smoke.

Following the crisis/evacuation plan for the Crawford AuSable School District, the 800 students in the elementary and primary schools were quickly evacuated from the building. The youngsters boarded busses which were quick to arrive and were transported to the Grayling Middle School. The students were evacuated from both buildings since electrical wiring connects the schools, said Barb Mick, the AuSable Primary School principal.

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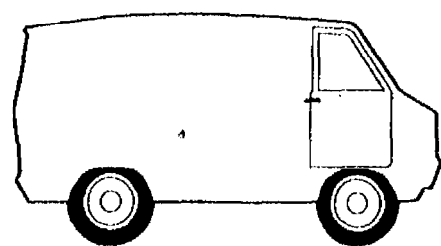
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Seniors forming Triad organization

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Mary Bishop is working to give her fellow senior citizens a dose of information - whether that be through a daily chat or critical personal data which can be accessed during a medical emergency.

Bishop is among a group of Crawford County senior citizens spearheading an effort to start a local Triad, an organization which teams up seniors and law enforcement to reduce crime against the elderly.

Triad means a three-way commitment among the chief of police, the sheriff and older or retired leaders. The parties agree to work together to reduce crime against the elderly and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons.

As a group, older persons can be a powerful and active force, but as individuals, they can be vulnerable and may need help. A senior who is victimized through a scam, is robbed or abused may live their last years isolated and in distress, fearing they may be victimized again.

The national Triad program was founded in 1988 by the American Association of Retired Persons, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriff's Association. The first Triad organization was established in Louisiana.

Seniors involved with Triad can perform activities within law enforcement agencies such as conduct programs, offer services within the community and take part in victim and witness assistance programs.

Locally, the law enforcement and seniors are seeking to get volunteers to help one another.

"I appreciate all the help I can get," said senior Al Etson. "It



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Mary Bishop, who is displaying the magnet and container used for the vile of life program, is among a group of senior citizens who are spearheading the effort to start a Triad organization in Crawford County.

was like that in the military. If you take care of your friends, they will take care of you."

A survey which was conducted in October indicated that Crawford County seniors were most concerned about scams, vandalism, robbery and burglary.

There are 5,221 people over the age of 62, which is about 36 percent of the population, living in Crawford County, according to 2000 Census records.

Kara LaMarre, developmental projects coordinator for the Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency (NEMCSA), urged law enforcement and seniors to focus on simple initiatives such as holding a Safe, Sound and Secure program to educate seniors on scams and law enforcement services.

"A lot of seniors have been victimized, you don't hear much about it because they're too embarrassed to talk about it," said LaMarre.

LaMarre said grant funds are available through NEMCSA, the National Sheriff's Association and Michigan

Sheriff's Association for programs.

One of the first initiatives the group plans to conduct are reassurance calls - a daily call to seniors to check on their welfare, pass on a joke or to just have a quick chat.

Alice Snyder, the director of the Crawford County Commission on Aging, said volunteers who deliver Meals on Wheels interact with seniors during the week, so a couple of phone calls over the weekend could account for a person who may be hurt and could not alert emergency personnel to their situation.

"You don't want to take that risk," Snyder said of having several days pass without hearing from a senior.

Senior Ed Ladd, who uses a scooter to get around, said he would be able to get in touch with a dispatcher who could contact police or ambulance personnel.

"If they needed help, I couldn't help them, but I could find somebody else that could," Ladd said.

Seniors also hope to work

with Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Grayling City Police Officer Tim Coe, who has gone through training to do security surveys at homes, schools and businesses, so they can ensure that seniors' homes have adequate lighting and security measures.

Finally, the Triad volunteers plan to distribute the vile of life, a medicine vile which contains a list of medications that seniors are on and emergency contact information. The vile is stored in the refrigerator and a magnet alerts medical responders to the available information.

"It has all the information, it saves the staff in the emergency room a lot of time because they don't have to do all sorts of tests," Bishop said. "It's very helpful."

Wakefield said he was encouraged that seniors were taking the initiative to look out for one another and to serve the community.

"It really should be run by seniors because the program is for them," Wakefield said. "We are there for resources and guidance."

Beaver Creek approves Library Agreement

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

At their March 14 Board

meeting, Beaver Creek Board members unanimously approved a one year Agreement submitted by the Crawford County Library Board.

This approval was not without some reservations and concern. Most of the apprehension had to do with a feeling that the Beaver Creek Library really didn't belong to Beaver Creek.

"They get paid to run the library. We provide the space," said Beaver Creek Board member Vivian Balmes about the Library Board.

Township Supervisor Lee Riley agreed:

"I feel it's their library," he said.

Now that the Agreement has passed, the Beaver Creek Library will be open on Saturdays, and will be operated by trained personnel provided by the Library Board.

"We'll be starting the new hours next weekend," said Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson.

The new hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 2

pm.

The Agreement also states that the Library Board will maintain and improve Beaver Creek's collection and furnishings, and change the check-out system.

Branch Library Review Committee member Cheryl Ruley said she was "very happy" with Beaver Creek's vote.

One of the major issues with the Beaver Creek Library has been a lack of use. For instance, only one resident checked out books at the library in December, 2004.

"We need programs, a reading club. I see why we're in the predicament we're in," said an audience member at the Beaver Creek Board meeting.

To this end, Library Director Mansfield-Sanderson hopes the new hours, along with a planned summer program, will attract more people.

The Beaver Creek Board hoped so too.

"If there's going to be enthusiasm, we'll do what it takes," said Board member Balmes.

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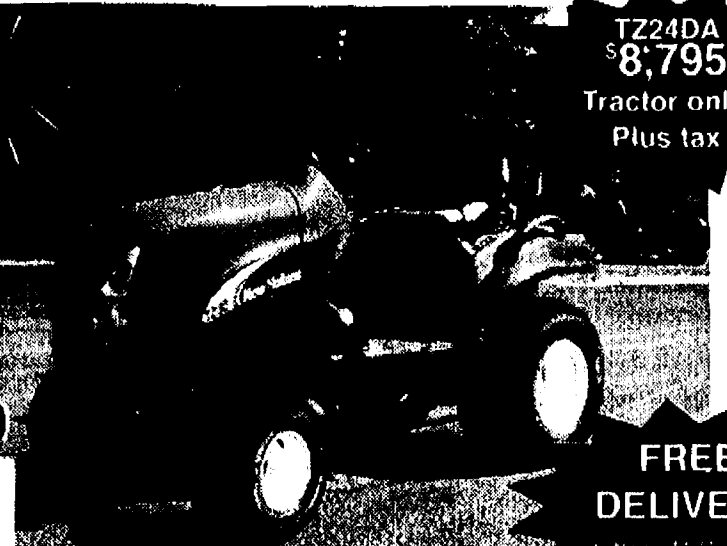
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Mentoring Coalition meeting slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A pair of organizations aiming to pair up children with mentors are seeking to bolster their volunteers.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters and 4-H Life's Better With a Mentor programs are holding the Crawford County Mentoring Coalition meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Coordinators for the pro-

grams are seeking thoughts and ideas from community members on how to establish mentoring as an effective tool for helping youth in Crawford County.

"Any kind of input is appreciated because we're struggling to get mentors," said Lila Sanchez, program director for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Topics which will be covered at the meeting include defining a mentoring relationship, identifying the needs of the youth in

the area and addressing possible ways to recruit mentors for all agencies who would like to start mentoring programs.

Business owners who would like to show support for mentors and youth are being asked to attend the meeting.

"We strongly encourage business owners to offer discounts to mentors and the children when they are out together," said Clare Sussex, program director for Crawford County Michigan State University

Extensions's 4-H Life's Better With a Mentor program.

Sanchez said that most mentoring is taking place with students in the schools such as the Bigs In Schools and Lunch Buddy programs.

Sanchez said that mentors are being sought to do more community based activities with the youth.

Officials will discuss if the Mentoring Coalition will hold future meetings at the forum.

40,000 books, six days: that's a lot of inventory

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

An inventory that closed the Devereaux Memorial Library from Wednesday, March 9 through Saturday, March 12 was more than library workers bargained for.

It was finally finished early Monday morning, March 14.

"And that was just the physical part of it. There will be five months of behind the scenes work," said Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson.

For the inventory, every one of the 40,000 articles at the library had to be individually examined. The bar code and title had to be checked, along with the spine and overall condition of the book.

"One book might take a few minutes just to count," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

Nearly a third of the books were found to be mislabeled. Not because of human error, but because of a switch in computer systems.

"Of course you're going to have a small percentage of human error. But the vast majority of the problems came from the computers," she said.

The inventory required the help of librarians from the Crawford County Branch Libraries. Mansfield-Sanderson said that without the extra help, the inventory process would have taken two weeks.

"Right now we're updating the database," Mansfield-Sanderson said.

Mansfield-Sanderson added that the community was very supportive during the library's closing.

"We won't have to do an inventory like this again for five years," she said.

Library Board President resigns

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

After a long and successful stay on the Library Board, President Loretta Hassan resigned on Friday, March 11. Her resignation was accepted by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on March 16.

The Commissioners said they accepted Hassan's resignation "with regret."

During Hassan's career, the library moved and was renovated and has become one of the premier libraries in Michigan.

Library Board Vice President Barbara Clark-Greene said that

Hassan was instrumental in keeping the Board focused on what was good for the library.

In accordance with the by-laws, Vice President Greene will assume the presidency of the Crawford County Library Board during the Board's meeting on April 23.

70-year-old man killed by gun shot

A 70-year-old Gerrish Township man was killed on Friday from an accidental gun shot wound. Gerrish Township Police were dispatched along with the Gerrish Township Ambulance to a home located at 111 White Pine Drive around 6:41 p.m. Friday to a report of an unresponsive male.

Officers found Thomas James Hunt on the floor along with a loaded handgun located nearby.

Officers believe Hunt was shot while cleaning the handgun. The Medical Examiner pronounced Hunt dead at the scene.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for March 20 of \$25 each: Terry Bishop, Steve Brinks, Mike Ingalls, Herb Olson, and Bill

Johnson.

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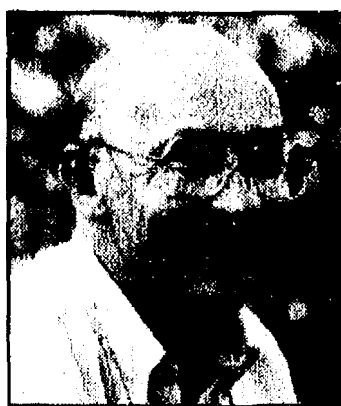
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Is it time for first American female president?

IT LOOKS AS if the 2008 presidential election will be wide open.

President George W. Bush cannot run again. His natural successor, Vice President Dick Cheney, already has promised he won't run either.

Other Republican possibilities are a bit constrained so far in promoting openly their personal presidential agendas, so as not to seem to be stepping on the president's life line.

Among Democrats, there also is no heir apparent as yet. Of course, the last two unsuccessful candidates against Mr. Bush may still harbor presidential hopes, but both Al Gore and Sen. John Kerry must do a lot of work between now and then if they have another race in mind.

But every senator, governor, member of congress, cabinet member, retired general or admiral, and any other ambitious politician is a candidate for a potential presidential lightning strike.

That includes several female

potential candidates this time ... and this time, too, for a change, the possibility is a serious one.

MOST AMERICANS are ready to vote for a female president, according to a recent poll conducted by Siena College and Hearst Newspapers.

A telephone poll of 1,125 registered voters found that more than 60 percent of those polled believe the United States is ready for a woman president, and 81 percent said they are willing to vote for a woman president.

The pollsters also trotted out names of two Democratic and two Republican potentials. More than half (53 percent) said Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York should run. The second Democrat, Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, was unknown to 40 percent, but 13 percent said she should run.

On the Republican side, 42 percent said Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice should be a candidate, and 33 percent named Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North

Carolina, who ran briefly in 2000.

Any poll must be interpreted, of course, but on the face of it the Siena-Hearst poll seems to answer the abiding question: Is America ready for a female president?

Only a regressive thinker, of course, would answer "no" to such a telephone question. To reject the idea of excluding more than half our population from the opportunity of serving in the country's highest elective office is an unkind thing to do. It is so much more decent to answer "yes" and give the pollster the desired reply.

A poll is a poll. An election -- or a nomination -- may be something entirely different.

BUT IS IT TIME for America to have a choice to elect a female president?

Helen Thomas, for one, certainly thinks so.

Ms. Thomas, a native of Michigan and graduate of Wayne State University, has covered

presidents and politics in Washington for about a half century for United Press and during the last few years, as a special columnist for Hearst Newspapers.

For many years, as senior White House correspondent, it was her honor and responsibility to open and close every presidential press conference. She asked the first question, and determined when it was time to finish with the words, "Thank you, Mr. President."

"It's about time," Ms. Thomas wrote in an article about the Siena poll. "American women have been sold short for too long and have had to struggle for basic American rights."

She pointed out women finally "through affirmative action and their own grand awakening" have moved into top spots in business, broadcasting, law, medicine, corporate boards, universities, legislative roles and state and local government.

To be sure, Lou Anna Simon now is president at Michigan

State University. Mary Sue Coleman heads University of Michigan, and Judith Bailey is president of Western Michigan University, not to mention Jennifer Granholm as Michigan's first female governor.

How about a woman president of the United States? Certainly, says Helen Thomas.

"I've covered nine presidents, all men, and I always believed that a woman could do their job, even better," Ms. Thomas wrote. "It's not a question of muscle. The highest office in the land is best served by people of good intellect, integrity, credibility and a big heart. That kind of job description surely qualifies women."

And so it does.

AS, FOR ME, if I had been phoned for the Siena College poll, I would have responded with the majority.

Yes, I believe the United States is ready for and would accept a female president.

Yes, I would vote for a woman

president.

But I would not vote for a woman president on the sole basis that she is a woman.

It would depend on her qualities, her experience, her goals for America, how she wanted to pursue those goals, and a number of other factors.

It also would depend on the circumstances at the time and what my other choices might be.

Which candidate better fits the Helen Thomas job description -- the woman or the man?

Which candidate is better for the country -- the woman or the man?

If it's the female candidate, then I'm with her ... not because she's a woman, but because I believe she would be a better president.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

City is looking for photos of past mayors

To the editor:

The City of Grayling would like to honor all of the past mayors by having their picture in a collection at the new City Hall. If you were a mayor or you have a picture of a former mayor or have some contact with the family of a deceased mayor, please help us obtain them.

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Fay Bovee
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Bush should consider changes within Social Security

To the editor:

There is a fundamental difference between Republicans and Democrats in the discussion about the future of Social Security.

And the outcome will not only mean a lot to our pocketbooks, it will also say a lot about who we are as a nation and where we are headed.

Basically, here's the difference:

Democrats see Social Security as a moral commitment to the less fortunate in our society. They want all of us to share in that commitment by having our government continue to accept responsibility for the program.

Republicans see Social Security as a product of Franklin Roosevelt's "experiment with the evils of Socialism." They want to begin dismantling the program, thereby reducing government's obligations in favor of

having individuals accept more responsibility for their own welfare.

Of course, neither side is discussing the issue in these terms. Democrats seem to have an aversion to using words morality and government in the same breath unless, of course they are bashing Bush and his right wing supporters. Republicans on the other hand -- after discovering that the general public doesn't like their position when it is honestly stated -- camouflage their intent by saying they just want to give individuals more control over their own money.

Most of what we hear from both parties stems from a growing concern about the long term financial solvency of the Social Security system as presently constructed.

Mr. Bush says the best way to address the solvency question is by allowing people under 55 to

divert part of their annual Social Security tax payment into private accounts. These individuals, hoping to earn more than Social Security would pay, could invest in the stock and bond markets. Two things unmentioned are (A) With unwise investments, individuals might earn less than the current system pays, and (B) Those who opt for private accounts would forego a large part of the Social Security payment guaranteed under the current system.

It seems to me, if Mr. Bush is really interested in guaranteeing the solvency of Social Security, he would forget "private accounts" and consider changes within the existing system. Options include extending retirement age, increasing amount of income subject to existing Social Security tax rate, increasing the tax rate itself or a combination of these options.

Further, I wonder, why not consider adding corporate bonds and stocks as investment vehicles within the current system? These markets are more volatile than government bonds; but, long term, they do offer higher yields which could add to Social Security funds solvency.

If done within the system, the government could cover any short term underperformance of the market -- knowing it would eventually recover the money -- and everyone would continue to receive guaranteed benefits.

It's all very manageable, if we like who we are and remain morally committed to the less fortunate among us.

It's only a crisis, if like Bush, you see Social Security as evil Socialism that must be replaced by the Marlboro Man.

Francis C. Reidelberger
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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

**In observance of
Good Friday, March
25th, the Crawford
County Avalanche
business office will
be closed between
the hours of
noon and 3 p.m.**

BRIEFS

COA to host "Spring Fling" dinner and dance

The Crawford County Commission on Aging will be hosting a "Spring Fling," Tuesday, April 19, at 5 p.m., at the Grayling Senior Center. A BBQ chicken dinner with all the spring picnic fixings will be served. After dinner dance to the music of "The Good Fellas," featuring Thane Doremire and Jack Beckwith, formally of "The High Society Wise Guys." Cost is \$3 for seniors and \$5 for non-seniors. Reservations are required by calling Elouise Mize at 989-348-7123.

Booth space available for resource expo

The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange still has openings for agencies and organizations to rent booths at their 4th Annual Adult Community Resource Expo to be held on Thursday, June 9. Booth rental is \$5 and a small door prize. Call Diane Campbell at 989-344-5116, to reserve a booth or for more information.

GMS invites parents to play volleyball

As part of the Grayling Middle School Spirit Week activities, the school will host a student vs. parents and staff volleyball game on Wednesday, March 30, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Spirit week points will be awarded to the grade level with the most people in attendance. People in attendance will cast votes for the best "Oscar Movie" poster. Cost for this event is \$1 per person. All proceeds go to buy materials for the GMS Media Center.

Informational session to be held for Hospice

On March 31, two one-hour informational sessions covering frequently asked questions, myths and misconceptions about Hospice care will be held at the Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice office, 201 Meadow Dr. Ste A (behind Huntington Bank, off I-75 Business Loop) Grayling. The sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The general public is encouraged to attend. For further information contact, Sherry Haag at 800-424-1457 or 989-348-4383.

Child Care information session to be held

There will be a Child Care Information Session for anyone interested in becoming a licensed/registered child care provider at the Grayling Michigan Works! on March 31, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Session will be offered by Child & Family Service 4C. For more information contact Nancie Kersey at 989-344-5144 before March 24.

Animal Shelter board to meet

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Board of Directors will meet Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe on Industrial Street in Grayling. Future plans for the shelter, including the construction of a new facility, grant possibilities and fundraising will be discussed. Members are highly encouraged to attend and the public is welcome.

Men's Bowling Association to hold meeting

The Men's Bowling Association will hold their annual meeting on March 30, at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will take place and tournament prizes will be handed out. All association bowlers welcome.

Friends of libraries hold monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries will be held on March 28, at 10:30 a.m., at the Devereaux Memorial Library in the meeting room. Join the fun and help with the planning of upcoming events: The Antique Appraisal Fair, the Bear Raffle and the annual book sale. Public is welcome.

Registration for Exploration Days 2005 has begun

Registration has begun for Exploration Days 2005. Michigan State University will host its annual youth development conference June 22 to 24, 2005, that attracts over 2500 participants. Anyone 12 or older should plan to attend this annual event at MSU. You do not have to be a member of 4-H to attend.

Choose from almost 200 action-packed learning sessions from your favorite interest areas. Highlights include candle-making, dance, swimming, skating,

bowling, basketball and much more. The participant fee is \$155. This includes all meals, shared lodging, sessions and an event T-shirt. A \$35 scholarship is available.

4-H Exploration Days is an exciting experience. Please call the Crawford County MSU Extension Office at 344-3264 to receive a registration book for a complete listing of the sessions and more details. Hurry, sessions fill up fast and registration has begun.

Hartwick Pines State Park to offer fly tying workshops

Start planning for the opening of trout fly fishing season by signing up for a fly tying workshop to be held at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, April 2. Participants of the workshop will learn how to tie five popular patterns including the elk-hair caddis, the hare's ear, and the wooly bugger. The workshops will be held at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center and run from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Besides the instruction in tying flies, fly casting and fishing tech-

niques will also be discussed and demonstrated for beginners. The cost of the workshop is \$45 and includes equipment, except for a vice, and materials to tie over a dozen flies. Vices will be provided for use, but not to keep. For more information and to sign-up, call Chris Kline at 989-344-1343.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located two miles east of I-75 exit 259, six miles northeast of Grayling. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park.

Exhibition reception features Collegium Musicum from WMU

The Dennon Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College, in Traverse City, will present Age of Armor: from the Higgins Armory Museum, scheduled to open April 10 and run through September 25, 2005.

To celebrate the opening of this important exhibition an opening reception and concert will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the Dennon Museum Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. for Museum Members and Guests.

Attendees will enjoy champagne from L. Mawby Vineyards and hors d'oeuvres from Grandview Catering while viewing the exhibition, followed by concert of Medieval and Renaissance music with the Western Michigan University Collegium Musicum, an ensemble devoted to the music and performance practices of the pre-Mozart era. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Milliken Auditorium of the Dennon Museum Center. The 30-member ensemble will offer both vocal and instrumental music with period instruments and dance. An afterglow reception with the performers will follow.

Tickets for this opening event are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members and can be ordered through the Dennon Museum Center Box office at 231-995-1553.

The exhibition Age of Armor will draw on the rich collections

of the Higgins Armory Museum, the United States' sole dedicated museum of armor, to bring these artifacts to audiences who have little opportunity to see them.

Overall, the exhibition includes some five-dozen pieces, ranging from a simple yet elegant infantryman's breastplate from the hammer of the master craftsmen of Milan to elaborately etched and gilded elements of horse armor from Southern Germany. The centerpieces of the exhibition are seven suits of armor, ranging from the early sixteenth century to the mid-seventeenth, including some of the most admired pieces from the museum's current displays.

This exhibition is supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and with local support from Britten Banners, Progress Printers, TV 7&4, the Northern Express, the Oleson Foundation, and individual sponsors.

The Dennon Museum Center is open daily 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1-5 pm. Admission is \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 for children and free to museum members. For more information on the Museum, go to www.dennonmuseum.org or call 231-995-1055. The Dennon Museum Center is located at 1701 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Economic development conference slated

A conference to educate business and governmental officials about available federal resources will be held in Grayling next month.

The Northern Michigan Economic Conference titled "Tapping Into Federal Resources" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, April 11 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. The conference is being hosted by U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee.

Northern Michigan business owners, economic developers, local government officials and individuals who want to know more about available federal assistance with issues such as expansion, trade and development are urged to attend the forum.

Federal resource experts will present information concerning loan and grant programs which are available in the areas of small business development, infrastructure improvements, federal procurement, safety, security and others.

Officials from the Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Economic Development Administration, Department of Homeland Security, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development and Small Business Administration will give detailed presentations on available federal programs and will be available to answer individual questions.

Patrick Rae, the regional administrator for the Small Business Administration, will talk about "Jobs for the 21st Century" for the keynote presentation at the conference.

The pre-registration conference fee is \$35 or is \$45 at the door the day of the forum. The fee covers lunch, information packets and break refreshments.

For more information, call Jan Kellogg and the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments at (989) 732-3551 ext. 11.

To register on-line, go to

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Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hanson Hills Recreation Area, Grayling
Everyone welcome! Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!
Enjoy breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Fruit, Cinnamon rolls, juice & coffee, while supplies last. Event is free of charge.
Then enjoy the FUN with lots of games & Easter egg hunt. Enter the raffle to win Easter baskets and other great prizes. Easter egg hunt begins at approximately 10:30 am.

Easter Sunday Brunch
In the Crawford Station Restaurant
March 27, 2005 from 12:00 pm-7:00 pm
Carved Roast Round of Angus Beef
Old fashioned Smoked Bone in Ham
Roast medallions of Lamb in a demi-glaze with mushrooms & onions
Coconut Curry Chicken Breast,
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The Bible Speaks

The Resurrection

The bodily death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the heart of our Christian faith. To have personal faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as our substitute to forgive us of our sins and give us eternal life is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The resurrection sets Christianity apart from all other world religions. No other founder of any religion has proven to have the power to give eternal life by his own resurrection from the dead. The resurrection proved Jesus Christ and Christianity to be superior.

The record of 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 bears witness to the facts of the resurrection: "1Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; 5And that he was seen of

Cephas, then of the twelve; 6After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

As Peter said in 1 Peter 2:24: "24Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. " Again Peter said in 1 Peter 3:18: "18For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

You can know today if you are trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior by obeying Romans 10:9-13: "9That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross of Calvary? Do you believe He arose from the grave to give you forgiveness of sins and eternal life? Have you personally asked Him to forgive you of your sins and to enter your heart and life to be your personal Savior? Have you publicly confessed Him as your God and Savior for all time and eternity? On this basis you can know you have eternal life. "12He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertise and does not necessarily reflect the views and the opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March.

Immunization clinics: April 6 and 20, by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: April 5 and 19. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointments.

WIC Clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: April 6, 8, 11, 14, 18, 20 and 21. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839/Health

Education.

Breast and cervical cancer Screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled April 12 in Grayling. Call 1-800-968-7300 for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three to 18. Appointments are necessary. April 8 - Crawford County at the Head Start Building, Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period March 24 - 30.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Guthrie Lake, South of Old State Rd. 618, and West of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 24 - 25, 28 - 30.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training

requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of March 13 - March 20:

Two traffic warnings, one private property accident, two traffic accidents, one larceny complaint, one juvenile complaint, two assault complaints, three

city ordinance violations, one assist other department, five alarm complaints, three check law violations;

Three disturbing the peace complaints, one attempt to locate, one harassment complaint, one animal control complaint and three unclassified complaints.

LIBRARY NEWS

Lovells Community Library

Senior Book Buddy Mental Vacation Get-Away will take place at the Lovells Township Hall on Saturday, March 26, at 2 p.m. The Get-Away event will feature live "Hula Girls" for entertainment and show some armchair hula moves, courtesy

of Louise Tournaud School of Dance. Tropical treats will be served. Various books and videos featuring exotic places will be on display to check out. Wear your Book Buddy pin to participate in a prize drawing. For more information contact Anna Biernat at 344-9343.

In observance of Good Friday, March 25th, the Crawford County Avalanche business office will be closed between the hours of noon and 3 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Eugene Robert Gabriel
Feb. 27, 1934 - Mar. 20, 2005
Eugene Robert Gabriel, 71, of Frederic, passed away on March 20, 2005.

Eugene was born on February 27, 1934 to Clarence and Violet Gabriel in Frederic. He was married to Nila Barber for 51 years and they resided in Frederic.

He was employed by AuSable Woodworking, in Frederic, for 50 years. He was active with the Frederic Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife; three children: Tim Gabriel, Patty (Brian) McCrory and Todd (Kary) Gabriel all of Frederic; three grandchildren: Tim Jr., Amber and Travis; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Charles (Willow) Gabriel of Frederic and Gerald (Sharon) Gabriel of Grayling; and one sister, Joyce (Gordon) Cox of Frederic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert Gabriel and daughter Pamela Gabriel.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, March 23, at 2 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Barnett officiating.

Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

In memory of

You're always with us, forever in our hearts.

Terri - we miss you.
Love, Sharon,
Tammy, Dawn, Lori

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 73 complaints the week of March 14 - March 20:

Fifteen traffic accidents, two accidents-non traffic, three civil matter/family disputes, five suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 13 general non-criminal, one hazardous spill, two snowmobile incidents, three false alarms, three assault/intimidation/stalking, three burglary/home invasion, one burglary/entering without permission, two larcenies, one damage to property, one damage property/private property, one family offense/abuse/neglect, four public peace/disorderly, two health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one driving violation/driving while license suspended and driving on revoked/suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

BIRTHS

Tammy Lynn and Edward Julius Baudoux of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Ryan, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on March 14, 2005, weighing 6 lbs. 11 ozs., and measuring 20 3/4 inches long.

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2nd & 4th Wednesday: 7 pm
Sunday School: 10:30 am
Mithelam Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Robert Schmalz
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.mum-umc.org
Barrier Free
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade): 11 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am
Children's Sunday School: 11 am
(Childcare Available during 11:30 service)
Bible Study (Wed): 10:30 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp AuSable MI-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service: 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School: 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based & non-denominational)
Pastor Larry Hanke
Associate Pastor Tom Faunce
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult): 10 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study: 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Secord - Pastor
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093
Early Service: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 10 am
Morning Service: 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday): 7 pm

Emma Lowery United
Church Of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship: 11 am
Adult and Youth: Sunday School: 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Personage 348-7466
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed): 7 pm

The Church of Christ
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Morning Worship: 11 am
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study: 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Grayling
Sacrament: 10 am
Sunday School: 11 am
Primary: 11 am
Priesthood: 12 noon
Relief Society: 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service: 11 am
Sunday Evening Service: 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm
Wednesday Service: 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting (van transportation available): 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. • 348-9751
Church School: 9:45 am
Fellowship: 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer: 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsula • 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 am
Family Mass: 10:30 am
Scripture Study (Sun): 9:15 am
Daily Masses: 8:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays: 8:30 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend Elizabeth Chase
M-72 West • Office 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tues-Fri.: 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed): 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Fellowship
Pastor Bud & Debbie Mann
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
Mid Week Service (Wed): 7:00 p.m.
are held at Milltown Corner Building
(Behind Cornell Real Estate)
• Mail 9141 N. Cut River Rd. Roscommon, MI 48653
Phone: 989-348-9182 or 989-821-6722
E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.): 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8: 7:30 am
Sunday Classes: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am
Sunday Evening: 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service.
Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed): 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Stuber
211 Stillenberger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening: 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Calby
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday Service: 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School: 9 am
Sunday Service: 10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska • (231) 258-3448
Sunday School: 10 am
Worship Service: 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training (Hour and Prayer (Wed): 7 pm

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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The Roscommon Community Center,
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Friendship Church
A Christian Reformed Ministry
Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor
415 Ohio North, Grayling
Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Worship: 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study: 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study: 12 noon

This Church Directory is used by residents and visitors. If you wish to show your support for area churches, call the Avalanche at 348-6811, to be included on this page.

The 2005 Grayling High School Players Present: **GUYS AND DOLLS**



Guys and Dolls was performed in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on March 17, 18 and 19. The famous play was directed by Andrea Binert, and featured a live orchestra.



Dancing in Havana, Cuba.



Sky Masterson (Michael Cole) and Sarah Brown (Rebecca Ramaswamy) prove that opposites attract.



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 by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.
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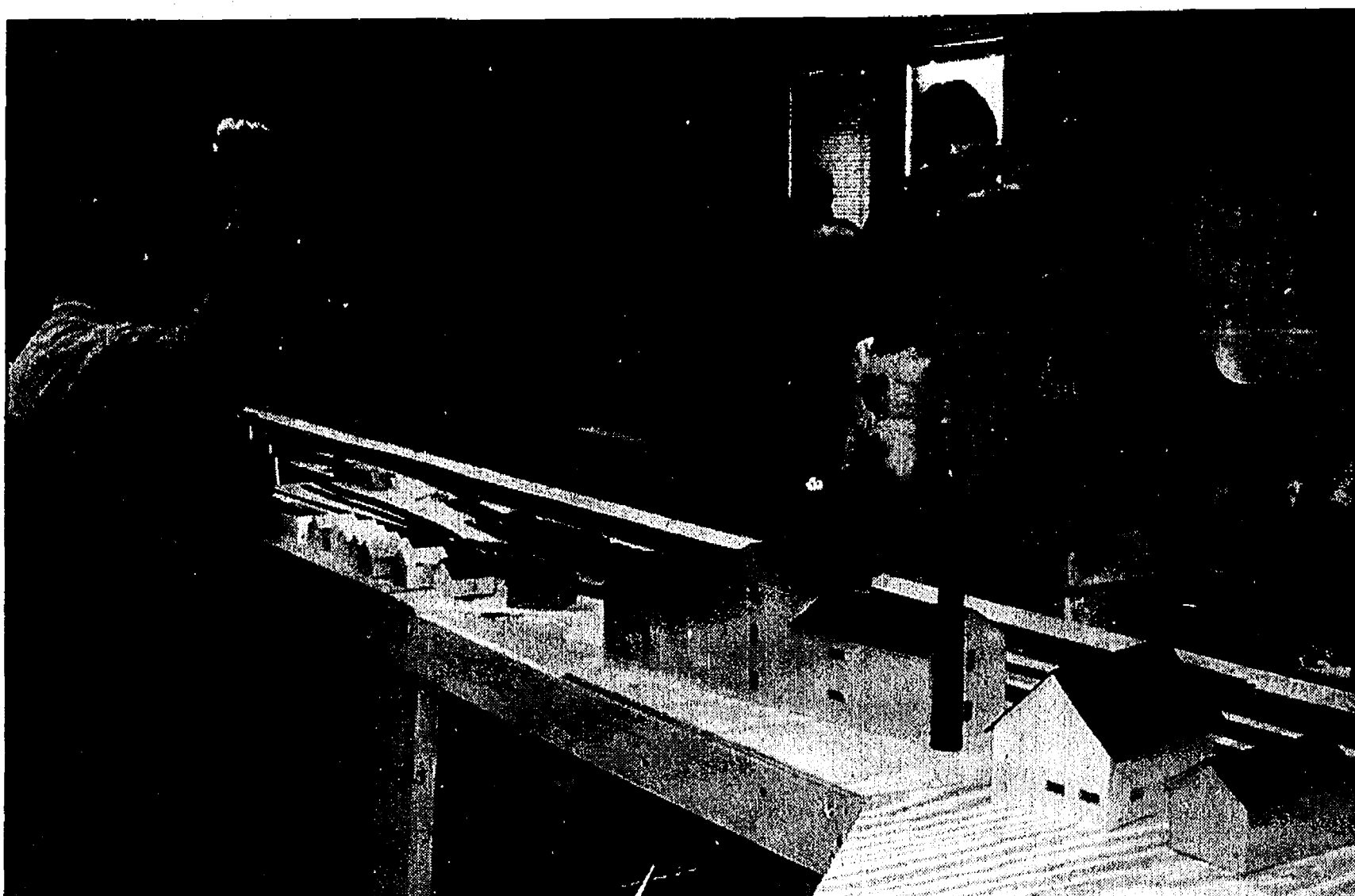


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Engineer Phil Wheaton shows Frederic Head Start students how to get a toot from a train. Wheaton, a member of the model train club that meets every month at Frederic Elementary, showed the kids his model of Thomas the Train, along with a steam engine that actually steamed. Wheaton even built the Head Start students a viewing platform so they could safely see the trains.

Armor exhibition to open at Dennos Museum Center

The Dennos Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College, in Traverse City, will present Age of Armor: from the Higgins Armory Museum, scheduled to open April 10 and run through September 25, 2005.

Among the artifacts in the repertoire of collections-based museums, the suit of plate armor is uniquely powerful and engaging; it is arguably one of the strongest artifact types for attracting visitors to a museum. Armor has the capacity to excite the imaginations of a particular-

ly diverse spectrum of visitors; for many people, exposure to exhibits of 'knights in shining armor' at a young age was a key introduction to the world of museums. Certainly the image of the armored knight remains perennially and deeply embedded in our cultural iconography.

The exhibition Age of Armor will draw on the rich collections of the Higgins Armory Museum, the United States sole dedicated museum of armor, to bring these artifacts to audiences who have little opportunity to see them. The exhibition presents these artifacts from a variety of perspectives. It begins with an overview of the history of personal armor, harkening as far back as the Trojan War, but focusing on plate armor's classical age, from the late Middle Ages through the Renaissance. It then offers a range of interpretive perspectives exemplified by noteworthy pieces from the Higgins collection, examining such topics as the shaping and decorating of armor, its diverse uses, and the various criteria that

are used by connoisseurs to understand and assess these artifacts.

Overall, the exhibition includes some five-dozen pieces, ranging from a simple yet elegant infantryman's breastplate from the hammer of the master craftsmen of Milan to elaborately etched and gilded elements of horse armor from Southern Germany. The centerpiece of the exhibition are seven suits of armor, ranging from the early sixteenth century to the mid-seventeenth, including some of the most admired pieces from the museum's current displays.

The exhibition is accompanied by publicity and programming material based on the Higgins' decades of experience presenting these pieces for the American public.

The showing here in Traverse City is part of a seventeen city national tour over a four year period, containing seven suits of armor (four full suits, 2 three quarter suits and one half suit), a dozen breastplates, seventeen

helmets, horse armor, and various armor elements emphasizing personal armor from the late middle ages through the Renaissance. The tour was developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, an exhibition tour development company in Kansas City, Missouri.

The exhibition is supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and with local support from Britten Banners, Progress Printers, TV 7&4, The Northern Express, the Oleson Foundation and individual sponsors.

The Dennos Museum Center is open daily 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays 1-5 pm. Admission is \$4 adults, \$2.00 for children and free to museum members. For more information on the Museum go to www.dennosmuseum.org or call 231-995-1055. The Dennos Museum Center is located at 1701 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686.

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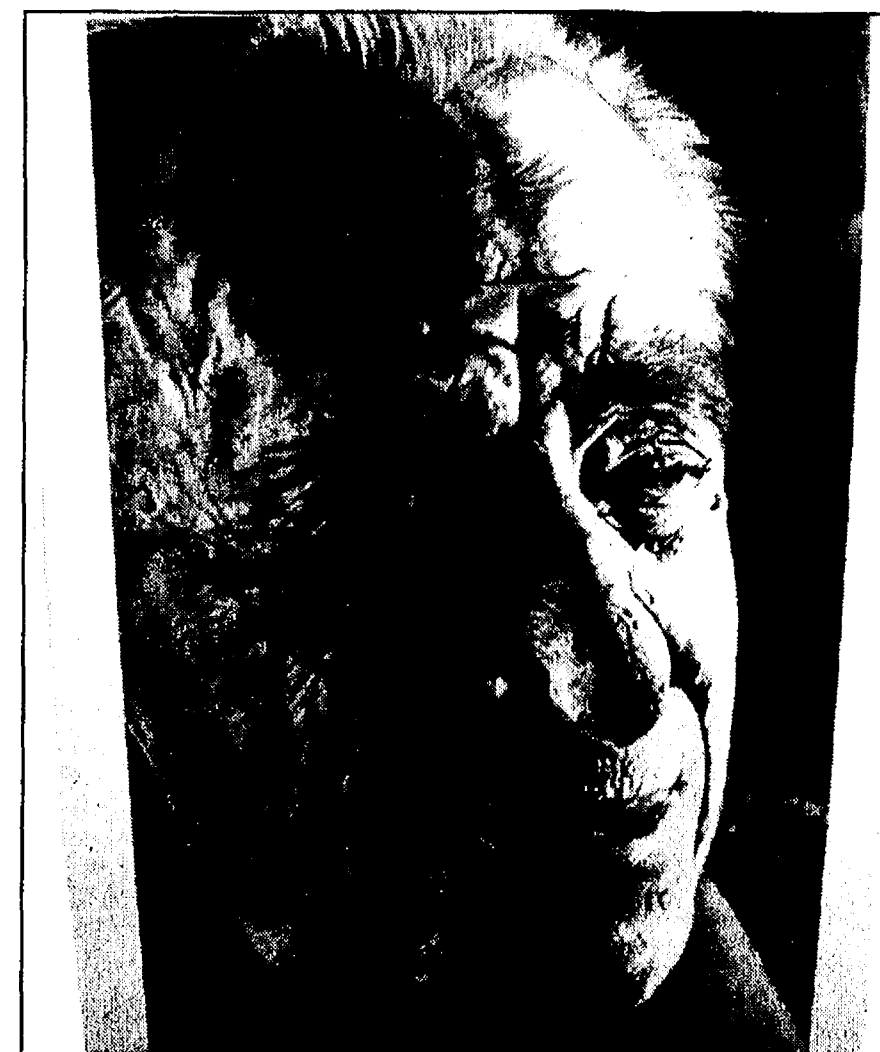


Anthony Neal

Grayling High School senior Anthony Neal entered the Kendall School of Art and Design (KSAD) Art Competition on March 12. Competing with 150 students from around Michigan with over 360 pieces of art, Neal's grouping of three charcoal drawings took first place overall.

Neal is a dual enrolled student at Kirtland Community College and will be attending KSAD in the fall.

He is the son of Mary Neal and grandson of Gloria Alef.



One of Anthony Neal's charcoal drawings took first place at the Kendall School of Art and Design Art Competition.



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Michigan timber industry eyes U.S.-Canada conference, state forest policies

by Chad Daily
Capital News Service

As government officials, forestry experts and timber industry leaders from Canada and the United States meet at Michigan State University next month to discuss forest product trade between the two countries, experts and officials see access to state land as key to the future of the state's timber industry.

"My perception is that as the forest-products industry that owns their own forest land divest of it, we've seen a considerable decline in harvesting on federal lands," said Karen Potter-Witter, a professor of forest economics at MSU. "So there's more pressure on state forest land to produce timber, and also more pressure on non industrial private forest land."

The conference on March 6-7 will bring together government representatives from U.S. and Canadian natural resources departments as well as researchers from in both countries to discuss research findings on the impact of trade agreements involving softwood lumber trade.

The dispute between the United States and Canada over softwood—used in products such as fencing, decks, paneling and cabin logs—spans more than 20 years. Softwood is one of Canada's largest exports to the United States, with over 19 billion board feet worth \$6.8 billion shipped in 2003 alone.

"Even though it doesn't make all the headlines here, this is a major issue involving billions of dollars," said Larry Leefer, an associate professor of forestry economics and planning at MSU. "So bringing a little more research to bear is important for both countries, but this is a long way from being resolved."

The major difference revolves around the way each country sets prices.

The United States takes a free-market approach with an open-bid process for development rights to private, state and federal land up for auction. In contrast, the Canadian government sets stumpage prices—fees paid to the government for the rights to harvest trees—on all of its public land.

The U.S. lumber industry claims that low stumpage prices amount to a subsidy for Canadian manufacturers, producers and exporters.

Such allegations are investigated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, which examines whether a foreign government directly provides subsidies for its exports. The U.S. International Trade Commission then determines whether the U.S. industry is harmed by subsidized imports.

If both those conditions are met, then a duty is assessed equal to the amount of the foreign subsidy. In addition, the United States also can impose an anti-dumping tax meant to balance the price of Canadian lumber that enters the country below market value. Past duty amounts ranged between 19 percent and 27 percent.

In response to the tariffs, the Canadian government has

repeatedly requested the World Trade Organization to investigate U.S. duties. In January, the United States dramatically lowered its duty to 1.8 percent—a reduction of more than 10 percent—after a North American Free Trade Agreement panel found a flawed methodology in calculating alleged Canadian subsidies.

Rates for lumber can have a drastic impact not only on the industry itself, but on consumers as well.

"It's an issue where the forest-products industry is not united because there are some forest-product industries which rely more on Canadian lumber versus wood products that are produced in the United States," Potter-Witter said.

Lower prices on Canadian softwood benefits home builders and other construction companies, along with consumers who purchase the products, while U.S. softwood companies—concentrated mainly in the southern United States and the Pacific Northwest—must lower prices to remain competitive, affecting profit margins.

But many industry officials believe that the softwood dispute has had little impact on the state due to more production and manufacturing of hardwood products made from maple and cedar, along with pulpwood—like aspen and pine for paper products. Although pulp can be manufactured from either soft or hardwood, 75 percent of Michigan's pulp comes from hardwood.

"The total volume of lumber in the market has remained the same over the past decade, so it's supply and demand that control the prices," said Larry Markey, president of Livonia-based Pine Forest Co., which operates mills in Gladwin and Lake City. "There are thousands of manufacturers in this country and across the border so no one really has enough of the market share to influence prices."

But the softwood dispute is only one aspect of a larger issue—the industry's future in Michigan.

Industry executives like Michigan Timbermen's Association President Tom Barnes see a bottleneck in access to the state's timber—the fifth largest acreage in the country at 19.3 million acres, 21 percent of it state owned.

Michigan's forest industry supports 150,000 jobs and adds \$9 billion annually to the state economy, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Another 50,000 jobs

and \$3 billion are gained from forest-based recreation such as camping and hunting.

"Michigan has the largest surplus of timber in the country and it's frustrating because we have this huge breadbasket and we're not utilizing the potential of the land to its maximum value," said Barnes. "It's unfortunate that we're seeing Canadian raw products being used for manufacturing here when we've got what we need."

But Alan Rebertus, a biology professor at Northern Michigan University, questioned the need to open up more state land if companies are unable to meet demand from their current forest properties.

"I have real concerns with these sustainability issues," he said. "If they're not meeting demands now, will it mean that public lands will become increasingly managed solely for timber at the expense of other resources?"

Kevin Korpi, executive director of the Michigan Forest Product Council, claims that the state is harvesting only one-third of what is sustainably possible. He sees more access to state land as a way for Michigan to maintain a comparative advantage, particularly in the hardwood industry.

"I'm a little troubled by the lack of management and some of the constraints on public lands and we'd like to see some of those constraints removed," he said.

Potter-Witter finds the one-third estimate hard to swallow.

"One of my pet peeves is using that gross generalization," she said. "Yes, in Michigan, in terms of gross wood fiber volume we grow more than we harvest, but the economic analyses that we've done shows that there are shortages of some species and some kinds of products in the state," including red pine and aspen pulpwood, along with hard maple sawtimber. She noted that when economists see rising real prices—prices increasing above the rate of inflation—it indicates a scarcity of the product.

And Rebertus said that concentrating on the most profitable species can produce a ripple effect throughout the ecosystem.

"Some lands in the northern UP are managed as maple monocultures and other, less valuable species like ironwood and birch are frequently culled out. We're also losing aspen in the maple belt, mainly through natural succession, so it may be desirable to maintain some of these stands through clear-cutting to benefit deer," he said. "To

their credit, some logging companies in the northern U.P. are trying to maintain aspen on some of their lands."

Nevertheless, even with species important to forest diversity such as aspen, Rebertus said sustainable management is the key. That's why he feels the current practice of 40-year rotation to maintain productivity takes a "limited scope" of what should sustainable forestry management, adding that such management should also be based on biologically sound policy that includes more than standing timber.

"The state of the resources should not dictate what's available, but I know that's not a popular thing to say," he said. "It might be a different definition of sustainability from a logging perspective than one that considers soil resources, wildlife resources and forest diversity."

But Korpi agrees that balance is needed. "We need to make sure the outcomes are balanced in terms of wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and the economic component as well."

Last May, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill intended to require sustainable forestry certification on all state forest land.

Leefer said "this is a more comprehensive approach to planning, and it's the largest public lands system that this would be applied to, so it's quite an undertaking, and one piece of that is bringing people from the outside to come and see whether we're adhering to these standards."

Industry officials like Korpi say that those higher standards are more productive approach than increasing imports from Russia and other countries with lower environmental standards. "Are we exporting our environmental responsibility for folks ravaging the rainforest? We shouldn't be."

Other timber experts say the state still has a long way to go toward a sustainable management plan.

"They've been working on a comprehensive forest plan since 1990 and working on a description of old growth forests for 10 years," said Marvin Roberson, forest policy specialist for the Sierra Club's Mackinac chapter.

Roberson sees what he calls a disturbing trend toward ownership consolidation in Michigan, and believes the potential for mismanagement of timberland is much greater when the owner isn't directly involved in the timber industry.

He cited the recent sale of

Escanaba's MeadWestVaCo Corp. to Cerberus Capital Management, a private, New York-based investment firm, as an example of the need to keep a close eye on land management. The sale was worth \$2.3 billion and included 630,000 acres of Upper Peninsula forestland.

"When forest product companies are gobbled up by investment groups and huge international firms, there's always a danger of disposing of the land," he said. "Forest product companies have an incentive to hold on to the land and maintain it sustainably, but investment companies operate based on what makes the most money."

The Timbermen Association's Barnes is a little more hesitant to raise a red flag on MeadWestVaco.

"The track record with investment companies purchasing timber land has been mixed," he said. "Some have done a good job of managing the land and others have liquidated the land for the profits but as far as the Mead sale, I think it's a little too early to call."

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Middle school students read to Head Start



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Grayling Middle School students read to the Head Start students on Monday, March 14. Pictured with Miss Dawn, Miss Robyn and Miss Ginny and the Head Start students are Grayling Middle School students Jessica Pickell, Misty Elford, Kyle Carter and Colin Hamlin.

More federal highway aid welcome but insufficient, experts say

by Stefanie Carano
Capital News Service

LANSING — A new federal transportation funding bill passed by the U.S. House won't provide enough money to fix most highway surface problems in Michigan, according to a transportation research group.

Michigan needs an additional \$700 million annually to improve highway road and bridge conditions, said Frank Moretti, director of policy and research for The Road Information Program (TRIP) in Washington.

The current bill would increase current funding by only 2 percent, giving the state approximately \$200 million more per year.

"In reality the increases are fairly modest," said Moretti.

"Most of the additional highway repairs are still going to come from state and local government."

U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, has specified 20 projects in northern Michigan alone that could benefit from the additional funds, including an additional exit ramp on south-bound Interstate 75 in the Grayling area.

"With harsh weather conditions taking its toll on our highways and roads in northern Michigan, this funding is vital in maintaining safe means of transportation," said Stupak.

The TRIP report also mentioned the impact of congested highways on truck mobility and the impact that has on the economy.

Walter Heinritz, executive

director of the Michigan Trucking Association sees the proposed federal law as a benefit for the trucking industry, which finances 40 percent of the federal highway trust fund in the form of diesel fuel and tire taxes.

"Anytime there is an increase in spending infrastructure, that's a positive since the industry makes money on state roads," he said.

According to Heinritz, taxes paid by the industry cover approximately 60 to 75 percent of the damage trucks cause to highways nationwide.

"We want to see as much money used in maintaining the roads with little diversion for non-highway use as possible," he said.

The funding bill is awaiting U.S. Senate action.

Mercy Family Care immunization rate sets record

Clinic staff's year-long efforts help to protect children in the Grayling area.

Mercy Family Care in Grayling is working to protect children in the Grayling area through a vigorous campaign to increase the immunization rate of its young patients.

In January 2004, the clinic's immunization rate for children 19 months to 35 months old was only 63 percent. The clinic has approximately 100 to 120 patients in that age group at any one time.

"We recognized that the immunization rate was too low and we're determined to improve it," said the clinic's Office Manager Deanna Garrity.

The clinic staff used two major methods to raise the immunization rate. Throughout 2004, they sent postcards to parents reminding them of their children's needed immunizations and they also noted in each child's chart the need for upcoming immunizations. Their efforts paid off.

By January 2005, the clinic's immunization rate for the youngsters had risen to 92 percent, including four consecutive months with rates exceeding 90 percent. "This was the highest immunization rate we had ever recorded," said

Garrity.

"This is remarkable and I would like to formally congratulate them on everyone's hard work and commitment to the vaccine program," said Sue Lucksted, RN, PHN, who recently verified the clinic's immunization rate for District Health Dept. 10. "They have proven that dedication and commitment to their patients and to the vaccine program pays big dividends for all."

Lucksted noted that the clinic's staff have taken advantage of the Health Department's Nurse Education programs and are always interested in learning more about vaccines and the changes and challenges that immunizations present. "I am proud to work with the Mercy Family Care staff," she said.

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about Kirtland's transfer, degree and vocational programs, but about how they can get a head

start by entering Kirtland's dual-enrollment program while in high school.



Aaron Munsey watches the progress on his hair as it takes on a new look at the expert hands of Kirtland cosmetology students Andrea Eidenberger (left) of Mt. Pleasant and Joni Clemens of West Branch.



Elizabeth Dandy (left) uses a stethoscope to listen to her heart, while Meghan Wyskiel listens in on her breathing as part of their experience in Kirtland's nursing lab.



Chris Wingfield (right) gets a demonstration on taking a person's blood pressure from Kirtland nursing student, Amy Welch of Roscommon.

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Grayling Marine Terrence Ryan stands in front of the sign at the Shell Station which welcomed him back from the battlefields in Iraq.

Photo by Shane Lewallen

Grayling Marine returns from Iraq

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He was assigned to a detention facility working with the military police in the Camp Fallujah compound and also helped with transporting insurgents to the Abu Ghraib prison.

If the detainees were found threatening, they would go to the prison. The others were sent to a small city outside of Fallujah. According to Ryan about half of those detained went to Abu Ghraib.

Making the trip between destinations was always a dangerous excursion. The convoy was constantly in harm's way with explosives and rockets going off on the side of the road. Insurgents act on a "hit and miss" tactic of war which is highly inaccurate, but nevertheless effective. Indirect fire from enemy weapons is an immense threat to U.S. troops and civilians alike.

New to the combat environment, Ryan found himself amid the pressure of always being a

target for the hidden enemy.

"It's really stressful because you don't know what is going to happen next," Ryan said. "It's hard to understand the way they fight," said Ryan.

Indirect fire caught a group of Marines off guard while playing football within the compound, said Ryan. One of his best friends, Lance Corporal Jason Gomez (Third Battalion, First Marines, Weapons Company), was wounded from shrapnel. It took out most of his ankle and hit his head and back.

"He got hit by a 177 millimeter rocket. It was a lucky shot," said Ryan. "It affected me deeply and personally."

Life in Iraq isn't too bad now that Saddam Hussein has been taken out of power, Ryan said, adding that the Iraqi people have always had a structure of life, only now they have a future.

"We are making a difference and a positive impact on other countries," Ryan added, "I feel

like I really accomplished something."

Ryan said that the military has treated him pretty well so far. The U.S. has occupied several air stations and camps that formerly were inhabited by Iraqi soldiers. These establishments now accommodate U.S. and allied troops, giving them shelter, cooked food and even laundry service.

This is the high life compared to sleeping in the dirt and eating MRE's (Meal-Ready-to-Eat, a military issued packet of food) that most all previous troops were forced to endure.

Marines also receive 30 days leave, which is a paid vacation, each year. They get paid for holidays and while in combat their

pay is tax free. These are a few benefits of liberty offered to those like Ryan who are willing to sacrifice for freedom.

When asked about how he feels about his commander-in-chief President George Bush, Ryan said, "At least he's getting us some action."

Following his leave, Ryan will return to Camp Pendleton, CA where his unit is headquartered. His unit, HMLA 169, will be returning to Iraq next March.

Editor's note: The author of this piece, Shane Lewallen, fought with the Marines when they invaded Iraq and toppled Saddam Hussein from power. Lewallen is currently taking classes at Kirtland Community College.

Schools evacuated after power surge

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The students ate their lunch and spent the rest of the afternoon at the middle school. The middle school staff and students adopted a class for the day.

"Everybody pulled together as a team to accommodate the elementary and primary school students to make them feel comfortable in their new environment for the afternoon," said Angie Camp, the elementary school principal. "Things went very smoothly considering the circumstances."

Travis Roberts, the Grayling City/Township Fire Marshal, said Consumers Energy officials are investigating the cause of the power surge.

Roberts remained at the elementary school until 6 p.m. when he reset the school's fire alarm and cleared the schools for occupation again.

"I commend the staff of both buildings for their professionalism," Roberts said. "They got the kids out in a safe and orderly manner and everything went like it was supposed to. That's why we practice fire drills."

The school staff was able to answer questions about the power snafu before the students were dismissed from the middle school and things were back to normal in both buildings the next day.

"They knew we wouldn't let them back in if it wasn't safe," Mick said.

Animal Shelter applying for grant

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"The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is the only facility in the entire county that can house displaced animals," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. "In the event of an emergency, the Animal Shelter would play a vitally exclusive role in administering to the needs of animals and animal owners."

Dixie Lobsinger, director of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, said she was encouraged by the opportunity to apply for grant dollars.

"It's a new grant so I think it's a plus in itself," Lobsinger said. "We're rural and big cities tend to suck up the grant funds so that should also be in our favor."

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Mary J. King, RN

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Freedom From Smoking (FFS)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesday, April 13

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Blood Drive, April 21, OMH Classroom
OMH and the American Red Cross offer a blood drive at Otsego Memorial Hospital every two months. Appointments are requested. Please call Anna Rogers at (989) 731-2216 to schedule an appointment.

Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan
Our annual program to encourage area residents to walk 100 miles in 100 days kicks off Wednesday, May 25. Registration materials will be available May 1 from the Hospital website. Businesses who wish to promote the program to employees are invited to a brown bag planning session, 12-1 p.m., Monday, April 4, in the OMH classroom. Call 731-2193 for details.

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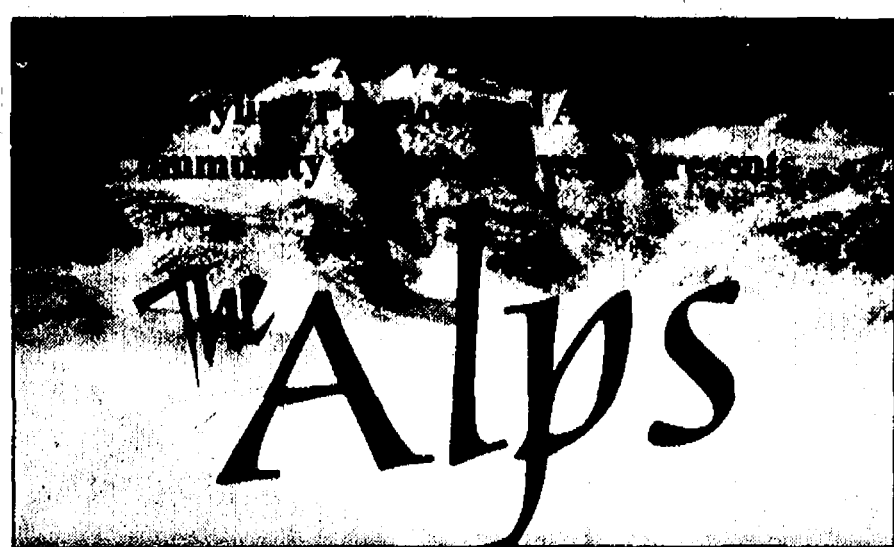
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Seniors showing support for 1071st

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really pay attention to what's going on in the news," said Christy Payne, the activity director at Aspen Ridge.

Gladys Stolte, the activity director at the Grayling Nursing Centre, said residents shipped 100 packages to a unit based out of Camp Grayling which was deployed to Iraq in 2001 and were eager to show their support again.

"It makes them feel like they are not isolated, that they're giving of themselves and that they're still part of the community," Stolte said.

Gladys Johnson, who is 100-years-old, planned to put some of her knitting creations in the boxes which will be sent from the Grayling Nursing Centre.

"I love to do it," Johnson said. "When I was younger, I knitted

scarves for the boys during World War I. I like to do anything I can do."

Lois Galloway, a Grayling Nursing Centre resident, said it's important for her to support the project since her late husband, Raymond, served in the Navy during World War II.

"You're doing something good for someone else and that makes you feel good," Galloway said.

Cheryl Kiessel, activity director at Mercy Manor, said letters were sent to family members of residents so they could bring in items for the troops.

"Everybody thought it was a wonderful idea, especially since the troops are from Grayling," Kiessel said. "I'm sure our residents are going to be happy to help out, especially the ones that

were in the service."

Payne said the project will also help residents at the retirement homes celebrate May as Older Americans month.

"This project honors our residents by recognizing their desire to show patriotism and support for the troops," Payne said.

Items which are being collected include: small water balloons, batteries, air mattresses, CDs, DVDs, calling cards, magazines, pillows and pillow cases, Pop Tarts and foods which can be heated in a microwave such as Spaghetti's, Ramen Noodles, baked beans and canned chili. Empty Pringles cans are needed to ship baked goods.

Donations will be accepted through Monday, May 16. Packages will be shipped at the end of May.

Financial donations will be needed to ship the packages. The staff and residents at Aspen Ridge Retirement Village will handle shipping the packages, so all financial contributions should be sent to: Unit 1071st Project, Aspen Ridge Retirement Village, 1261 Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Locations where donations are being collected include:

- The Grayling Nursing Centre, located at 331 North Meadows Drive.
- Mercy Manor, located at 1100 East Michigan Avenue.
- Aspen Ridge Retirement Village, located at 1261 Village Parkway in Gaylord.
- Tendercare, located at 508 Random Lane in Gaylord.
- Hilltop Manor, located at 1290 E. Michigan Highway in Roscommon.

Tougher penalties proposed for gas gouging

by Matt Wenzel

Capital News Service

LANSING — With gasoline prices reaching near-record highs, some lawmakers say they want to keep consumers from being ripped off at the pump.

Proposed legislation would increase the fines gas station owners face for swindling customers.

"We are just going after the cheaters," said Rep. Fran Amos, R-West Bloomfield, the primary sponsor. "It is a problem when you pay for a gallon but don't get a gallon, or when you pay for 93 octane and get 87 octane."

Introduction of the proposal corresponds with an increased number of complaints to the Michigan Department of Agriculture from consumers who feel they're being cheated by gas stations. There were more than 1,200 such complaints last year and 588 more since Oct. 1,

2004.

"Once you pay more for something, you want to make sure you get what you paid for," Amos said.

According to Amos, a typical offense involves "a station ordering 1,000 gallons of 87 octane but only needing 800 gallons, so they just have them dump the other 200 into the premium."

However, Agriculture has only 16 inspectors to monitor more than 5,100 gas stations in the state.

The Legislature appropriated \$1.3 million to hire more inspectors, but Gov. Jennifer Granholm has held back the funds because of the state budget crisis.

"There are a lot of areas across the state that could use more inspectors," said Brad Deacon, legislative liaison for the Department of Agriculture.

"We respond to 100 percent of complaints, but there are some stations that we don't get out to inspect in a year."

Deacon said the department supports the legislation because it goes after repeat offenders. It would not increase the \$100 to \$500 fine for a first offense, but would stiffen the penalty for further violations. A second offense would carry a fine between \$1,000 to \$2,000, while a third violation would cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

"We want to level the playing field for the industry," he said.

John Griffin, executive director of the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, said his organization supported increased fines in the past, but opposes the current legislation. "People are more inclined to complain when prices go up," he said. "I am glad they are going after the bad guys, but the num-

ber of complaints is within normal fluctuation."

Michigan is the seventh-highest gas-consuming state, with more than 4.7 billion gallons used a year.

According to Amos, if only 10 percent of the state's stations short customers two tablespoons of every gallon, it would cost consumers \$12 million a year.

Amos' previous attempt to pass such legislation failed last year.

However, "I think that it would have a better than 50-50 chance of passing (now) if it goes to a vote," said Rep. Neal Nitz, R-Baroda, who chairs the House Agriculture Committee that will consider the bill.

"We want to severely penalize gas station owners who continue to violate the law and make sure they deliver a quality product," Nitz said.

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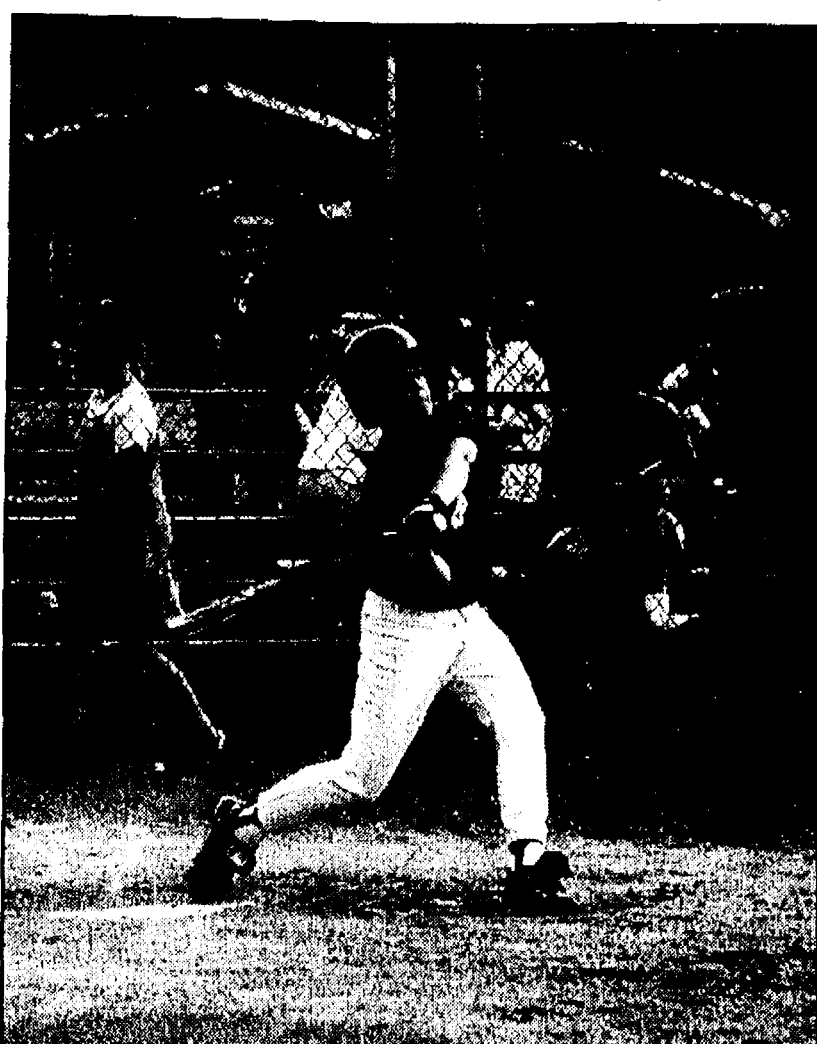
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■ Second registration night to be held on March 30

Registration for 2005 Grayling Little League baseball and girls softball is now open. The league recently conducted a registration night event and will hold a second sign-up session next week. Players can also sign up at Sylvester's.

Grayling Little League's second 2005 registration night will be held on Wednesday, March 30, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

To be eligible to play, youths must be seven years old by July 31, 2005. Baseball divisions include: Minor League (ages 7-8), Intermediate (ages 9-10), Major (ages 11-12), and Juniors (ages 13-14). Softball divisions

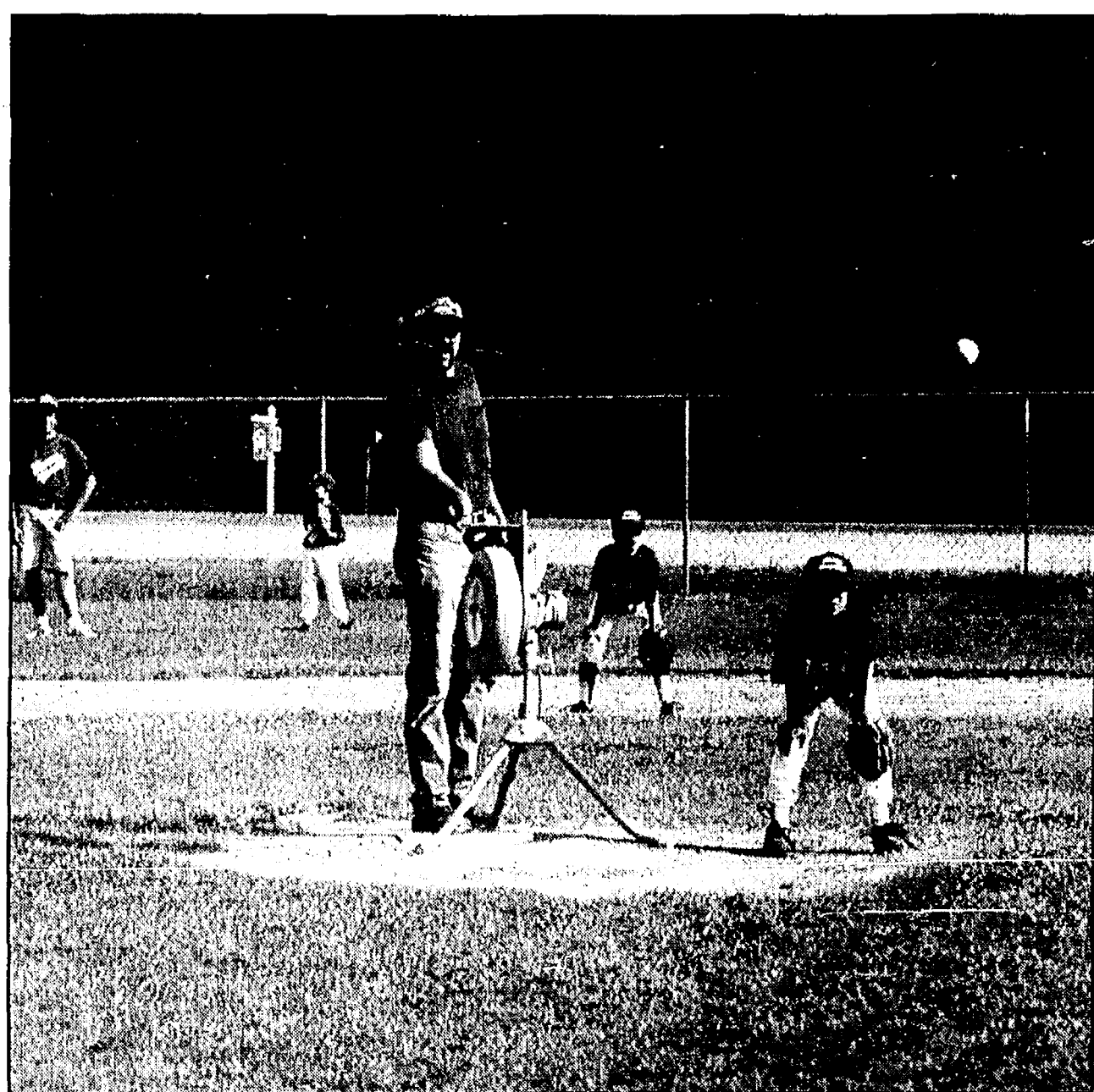
will be based on registration.

To register, players will need a completed registration form, a copy of their birth certificate, a \$25 registration fee (\$50 maximum family rate) and a \$20 fundraising fee (\$40 maximum family rate). The fundraising fee can be eliminated by selling home run cards.

Registration runs until Friday, April 22.

Winners of the door prizes from the first registration night were: Minor League: Adam Brill, Intermediate: Justice Junttila, Major: Joey Schwartz, Junior: Joe Somero, Minor (Softball): Mara Adamski, Major: Leigha Webber, Junior: Liz Dandy.

For league information, contact President Rich Schreiber at 348-4148, or Player Agent Dusty Latusek at 348-6488. For girls softball information, contact Rich Calkins at 348-5737.



Grayling area will host several spring, summer events

The Grayling area has several festivals, competitions, and other events planned at a variety of locations this spring and summer. A few of the events slated for 2005 include:

Maple Syrup Day @ Hartwick Pines (March 26) – Spend the day at Hartwick Pines State Park to enjoy learning about North America's oldest agricultural product – maple sugar – at the park's Maple Syrup Day on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors will be able to walk into the sugarbush to help tap a maple tree, observe the boil-down process which converts maple sap to maple syrup, learn the history of maple sugar making in North America, taste maple sap and the finished maple syrup, purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup, and more.

Top of the Hill 5K @ Hanson Hills (May 7) – Cabin Fever is

over! Test your body to see what kind of shape you are in. The course is 3.1 miles of wooded rolling terrain that takes runners on a tour of Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Registration is \$5. Check in: 8-9:30 a.m. on May 7. Race start: 10 a.m. on May 7.

Kite Day @ Hanson Hills (May 14) – GRA's Kite Day, a favorite event for the kids, will be back this summer. Free kites are passed out to the young people, and refreshments are provided. The 15th annual Kite Day at Hanson Hills will be held on Saturday, May 14.

Kirtland's Warbler Festival @ Kirtland Community College (May 21) – Kirtland Community College's annual "celebration of nature" – the Kirtland's Warbler Festival – will be held on May 21 this year on the campus at KCC.

The 2005 Kirtland's Warbler Festival will include: guided bus field trips to the Kirtland's

Warbler viewing sites, several presentations and musical performances, juried Nature Fine Arts Show, Nature Arts and Crafts, Mikenauk Rock & Gem Society and Kid's Rock Hunt, a kids' fishing pond, silent auction, pancake breakfast, chicken barbecue lunch, a kids' activity tent, horse-drawn nature tours, campus nature walks, Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom, off-campus birding field trips, and more.

MESS Downhill Mountain Bike Race @ Hanson Hills (June 4) – Hanson Hills and MESS Promotions bring the extreme sport of downhill mountain biking to Grayling with newly-constructed courses that are both aggressive and technical. Man-made stunts will prove to be a challenge to all competitors. For more information contact Modern Extreme Sports at 231-933-7873.

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Kite Day at Hanson Hills

Grayling area will host several spring, summer events

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Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon @ Ray's (July 30-31) - Canoeing enthusiasts from all over the world will come together in Grayling during the last full weekend of July for one of the world's top canoe races, the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. This year's race, which will mark the 58th year of the annual Marathon, will start on Saturday, July 30.

The race begins on Saturday evening with an exciting LeMans-style run for the river, as paddlers sprint with their canoes from Citizens Bank in downtown Grayling three blocks to the AuSable River at Ray's Canoe Livery. Once in the water, paddlers record more than 50,000 strokes as they race through the night toward the finish line in Oscoda, 120 miles and six dam portages downstream. The top finishers will cross the line shortly before noon on Sunday.

Prior to the main event, paddlers will vie for the top starting positions during sprint trials on Thursday, July 28, and Friday, July 29, at Penrod's Canoe Livery.

Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour (July 31) - On the morning of Sunday, July 31, 11 hours after the start of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, bicyclists participating in the 5th Annual Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour will leave Grayling in an attempt to catch the paddlers at the end of their overnight adventure at Oscoda. The race, which also includes different loops for relaxed bicycling, starts at 8 a.m. in downtown Grayling.

GRA 10K @ Grayling High School (July 30) - Grayling Recreation Authority will host another foot race, the GRA 10K, on Saturday, July 30. This 6.2-mile race begins (and ends) at the Grayling High School track (located inside the football stadium) and utilizes the Wayne C. Koppa paved trail. All participants will receive T-shirts. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be given in each age group. Registration fee: \$15 (early) or \$20 (day of race). Check in: 7:30-8:30 a.m. at stadium concession stand. Race begins at 9 a.m.

Jack Pine Jamboree @ Wellington Farm Park (August 6) - Join us for this celebration of traditional music showcasing a variety of live music highlighting folk, gospel, & bluegrass groups. Looking for an audience? The "Open Jam" is the perfect opportunity to schedule your place on the stage to share your traditional music with our enthusiastic crowd. Continuous entertainment throughout the day, headlined by performances of the



GRA 10K

nationally-renowned Blue Water Ramblers. Admission \$15/person.

Forest Fest @ Hartwick Pines (August 13) - Forest Fest, a one-day festival, is scheduled for Saturday, August 13. This year's event, the 8th annual Forest Fest, includes guided tours of area forests, exhibits and films about forests, wildlife habitat, and forestry practices, forest fire fighting demonstrations, and a visit from Smokey Bear.

2005 Celebrity Softball Game & 3rd Annual Family Fun Day @ Hanson Hills (August 20) - The TV 9 & 10 All-Stars will take on the Crawford Cruisers in a 7-inning softball game, with all proceeds going toward the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and Wellington Farm Park. Other events during the game will include monster truck rides, hay rides, and more. Admission and parking are free.

Lovells Bridge Walk @ Lovells (August 20) - The Lovells Bridge Walk event began 14 years ago as a small-scale version of the Mackinac Bridge Walk. This year's walk will take place on August 20 at 12 noon.

Endurance Trail Run @ Hanson Hills (August 20) - Test your endurance with a 7-mile run. Enjoy touring the single track mountain bike trails at Hanson Hills in this challenging trail run. Registration fee: \$15 (early) or \$20 (day of race). Check in: 8-9:30 a.m. at Hanson Hills main lodge. Race begins at 10 a.m. All participants will receive a custom T-shirt.

Flatbelt Festival @ Wellington Farm Park (August 26-28) - Tractors, engines,

threshers, the Sawmill, Grist Mill & Blacksmith's Shop are in full operation as they highlight the historical technology of belt-driven engineering. The Big Machinery Parade will be held each day at 3 pm.

Black Iron Days @ Hartwick Pines (August 27-28) - Black Iron Days will be held on August 27-28. The event is considered to be the largest gathering of blacksmiths in Michigan. Along with the blacksmiths practicing their historic metalworking craft, the festival will feature 19th century

traditional dulcimer music, and the operating sawmill.

Michigan Bike Festival @ Hanson Hills (September 16-18) - Join Hanson Hills and the MMBA for a festival of fun revolved around... riding! Camp out and participate in a variety of events and activities: mountain bike rides, road rides, live music, dancing, night rides, demos, bike polo, and more. Bring your cycling family and take advantage of this weekend of fun. For more information visit: www.michiganbikefestival.com

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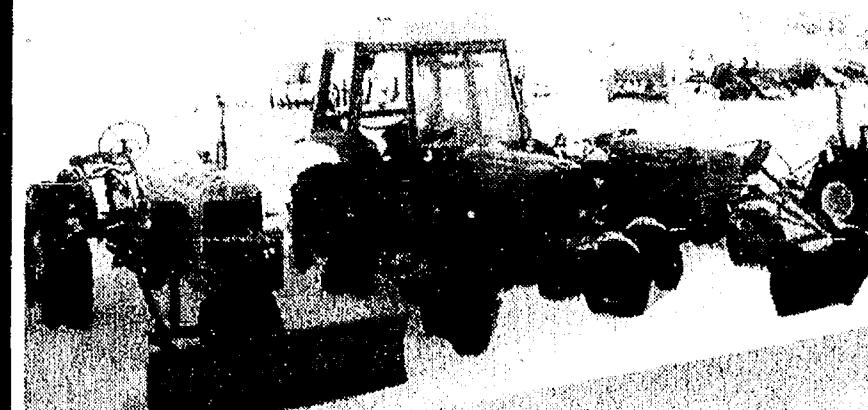
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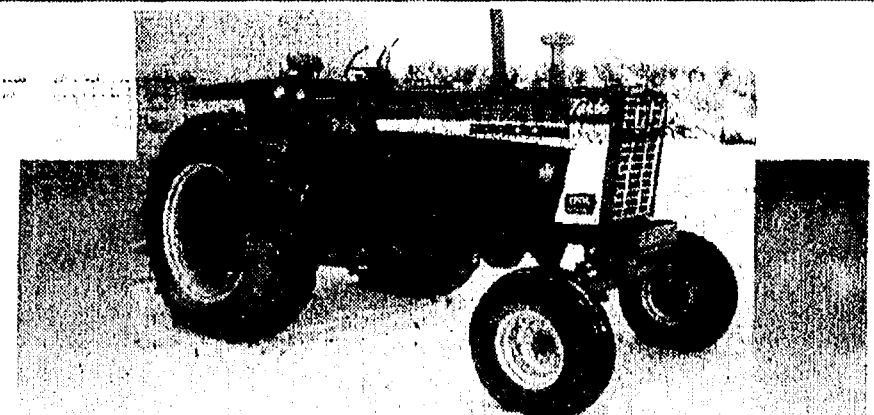
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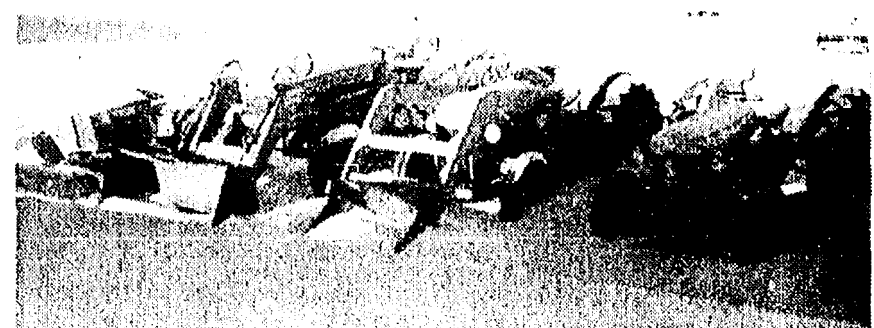


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Lawmakers target Internet hunting

by Shawn Smith
Capital News Service

LANSING — If some state lawmakers have their way, Michigan hunters will no longer be able to target shoot and hunt using their computer mouse.

New legislation would bar state residents from hunting via the Internet, meaning that hunters will be prohibited from using home computers to shoot live animals with a firearm, bow or crossbow.

Nationwide controversy was sparked last year when Live-shot.com, a Texas-based Web site, offered users the chance to control and shoot firearms for a fee by computer.

Membership costs \$14.95 a month plus \$5.95 for each target-shooting session.

Currently, the Web site offers only target shooting for its 300-plus members. But site creator John Lockwood said a hunt is scheduled for April 9, when the first person with disabilities will try to take an animal, such as antelope, sheep and wild hogs.

The user will view the Texas game-ranch from his computer and wait for an animal to come into view. If the hunt is successful, Live-shot.com will retrieve

and ship the meat to the hunter. Traditional hunting is also available on the ranch.

Although hunters can fully control their aim, a Live-shot.com guide will be able to override any shot to prevent dangerous or illegal firing.

"It's not a video game," Lockwood said. "There's no guarantee. There's nothing that says an animal is going to come and you're going to be successful."

Thus far, the site has had only one hunt where a user shot a wild hog.

Lockwood said he doesn't expect to make money from the service and set it up mainly to benefit people with disabilities who couldn't otherwise hunt.

"It was never designed to be for the mainstream people that can go out and hunt," he said. "In the hunting part, I would be lucky to recoup my losses in 10 years."

Texas legislators are also considering a ban on online hunting, but Lockwood said lawmakers don't fully understand what his service provides for people with disabilities.

But conservationists and Michigan officials said they are

skeptical of the claimed benefits of online hunting to people with disabilities.

"You eliminate the sport," said Rep. Shelley Taub, R-Bloomfield Hills, who is co-sponsoring the proposal to ban online hunting. "There's no reason why someone in a wheelchair can't go into a duck blind."

Safety issues are also a concern.

Jason Dinsmore, a research policy specialist for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said, "Our biggest concern is that of safety. It's more of a video game at that point. Does that send the right message to youth?"

By using the Internet, hunters don't feel the camaraderie and full experience of hunting, he said.

"Something like this puts too much emphasis on the harvest of the animal," he said. "It does concern a lot of sportsmen because it doesn't paint what it means to be hunting or to be a hunter in a very good light."

The operators of Live-shot.com argue that the service allows enthusiasts with disabilities to hunt, but officials at the Department of Natural

Resources (DNR) don't buy that reasoning.

"It's essentially a for-profit operation," said Mary Dettloff, press secretary for the DNR. "You miss out on too much if you sit on your computer trying to experience the outdoors in Michigan."

To facilitate the sport for people with disabilities, the DNR offers a number of programs and special permits.

For example, hunters who are permanently unable to walk can buy a permit that allows them to shoot from their vehicle and have a special time reserved for them in October. Also, visually impaired hunters may use laser sighting devices to target their prey.

Dettloff said she is unaware of any Michigan-based Web sites that offer online hunting, but said it is a possibility.

Last year, the state sold about 775,000 deer hunting licenses and that's a number it wants to keep up.

"We feel Internet hunting is counter to the DNR's mission of getting people, outside in Michigan to enjoy the great outdoors here," Dettloff said.

Senator wants to muzzle rifles at night

by Matt Wenzel
Capital News Service

LANSING — Some lawmakers want to crack down on hunters sighting their rifles overnight prior to hunting.

A bill before the Senate would prohibit anyone from sighting a rifle from a half hour after sunset until a half hour before sunrise.

"Hunters shouldn't wait until hours before the season to fire off boxes of rounds," said Sen. Jim Barcia, D-Bay City, one of the co-sponsors. "It sounds like the

start of WWII."

According to the Department of Natural Resources, hunters are supposed to sight their rifles only at a range or on their own property.

Barcia, an avid hunter who owns 100 acres in the Upper Peninsula's Schoolcraft County, said he has a problem near his property before the start of each deer firearm season when hunters gather in a clearing and shoot hundreds of rounds to sight their rifles.

"It alerts the deer that the season is under way," Barcia said. "They are sophisticated survivors that can connect rifle fire with hunting."

Mike Parrott, owner of Parrott's Outpost in Alpena, agrees that it is a problem. "With the additional activity in the woods and the shooting, the deer change their habits."


Parrott, a hunter for 44 years, said he supports the legislation and wouldn't mind seeing a mandatory quiet period for a

couple of days prior to the start of firearm season.

"You have all these guys firing shots to sight their rifles on opening day," said Parrott, who sights his rifle at a local range a few days before. "It's ridiculous."

The DNR estimates more than 775,000 people purchased at least one deer license in 2004 and spent more than 10 million days hunting, generating more than \$500 million for the state's

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

CHEMICAL BANK WEST,
Plaintiff,
Case No: 05-2847-GC-1

JORDAN HAF,
Defendant.
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for Plaintiff
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P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5232

EX PARTE ORDER OF PUBLICATION

As a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan this 10th day of March, 2005.

PRESENT: HONORABLE JOHN G. HUNTER
District Court Judge

UPON A REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instant case, and a review of the Motion for Alternate Service filed by Affiant herein, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR.2106 (D).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall publish a copy of the instant order Crawford County Avalanche for a period of three (3) consecutive weeks. Plaintiff, or his designated attorney, may accomplish the publication ordered above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendant Jordan Haf may have a period of twenty-eight (28) days from date of publication to file an answer to the instant complaint. In the event an answer is not filed within twenty-eight (28) days, then Plaintiff may seek a breach of contract judgment.

Dated: 3/10/05
Honorable Alton T. Davis
Circuit Court Judge

TO THE DEFENDANT JORDAN HAF:

A. You are being sued within the District Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

B. The names of the parties are as follows: Plaintiff is Chemical Bank West and Defendant is Jordan Haf.

C. These proceedings are instituted for a judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$4,807.15 plus interest, costs, and attorney fees.

D. That an answer needs to be filed/taken within 28 days at the Crawford County District Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rule must be taken.

E. That failure to answer or take other action will result in a default being filed against the Defendant, Jordan Haf.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald G. Vrandenburg, Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 883, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank National Association, Trustee for the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-FF6 as assignee by an assign-

ment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty And 88/100 Dollars (\$65,280.88), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: March 24, 2005

For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
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Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank National Association, Trustee for the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-FF6

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lori Mills, a married woman and Jeffery Mills a married man, joint tenants with right of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2001, and recorded on July 3, 2001 in Liber 540 on Page 194, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two And 10/100 Dollars (\$88,582.10), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 17, Wakeley Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 18, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2005
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leandro Lambaria, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2002, and recorded on December 7, 2002 in Liber 605 on Page 146, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seven And 44/100 Dollars (\$79,307.44), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 31 and running thence North on the North and South 1/4 line, 893.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 100.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 188.0 feet; thence South 100.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes West, 188.0 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2005
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #033979F02

-24-31-7-14

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel B. Gallagher, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Paramount Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2001, and recorded on July 17, 2001 in Liber 542 on Page 49, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty And 87/100 Dollars (\$37,860.87), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2005
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051557F01

-24-31-7-14

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 87TH DISTRICT COURT FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

**GRAYLING HOUSING
COMMISSION,
Plaintiffs,**

File No: 05-2749-LT-1

**VIRGINIA HAMBLIN AND ANY
OTHER AND ALL OCCUPANTS
Defendant.**

NOTICE
Virginia Hamblin and all other occupants of Ausagra Acres, Apt #47, Grayling, Michigan take notice pursuant to an Order for Alternate Service entered on March 2, 2005 by the Honorable John G. Hunter, take notice that Complaint for Termination of Tenancy for apartment #47, Ausagra Acres, Grayling, Michigan has been filed against you by Plaintiff, Grayling Housing Commission for violation of lease provisions. Plaintiff seeks possession and supplemental damages in the amount of all past dues rent and late fees accruing since April 2004 through the date of hearing.

Take further notice that Defendant Virginia Hamblin and all other occupants of said address are summoned to appear in 87th District Court at 200 Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to answer the Complaint or default judgement for possession and damages may be entered, and defendants' rights to the aforesaid property terminated.

You must appear at the hearing as stated or take other action as permitted by law to protect your rights.

Submitted By:
BLOOMQUIST & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

By: Todd H. Nye (P59301)
Attorney for Plaintiff
306 State St., P.O.Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6141

-17-24-31

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mario Garnett, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 1, 2003, and recorded on May 5, 2003 in Liber 632 on Page 120, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two And 29/100 Dollars (\$58,242.29), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 6, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 1, of Madsen's Addition, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 28, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 3, 2005
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #049665F01

-3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be notified that the Crawford County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue, to hear the following amendment proposal of the County Zoning Ordinance.

An Ordinance to amend ARTICLE XXV ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT of the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance to amend shall designate violations of the Zoning Ordinance as municipal; civil infractions, to establish procedures for enforcement and for prosecution of municipal civil infractions to provide civil fines for such violations and to amend any ordinances or parts of the Crawford County Ordinance which conflict with the provisions hereof.

Amendment to Section 25.03 the subsection "F" is added to the County Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

SECTION 25.03 - DUTIES OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

An addition subsection "F" is hereby added to Section 25.03 of the County Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

F. Perform all duties as hereinafter provided pertaining to zoning permits, violations and enforcement of the zoning ordinance.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 25.06 - PENALTIES (REV. 6/8/97)

Amendment to Section 25.06 of the County Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 25.06 - ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS (rev. 6/8/97, amended 9/15/04)

A. The County Planning Commission, upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator, may institute injunction, mandamus, abatement, or any other appropriate action, actions or proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate or remove any unlawful erections, construction, maintenance or use of land, buildings or structures. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

B. Any person who violates, disobeys, neglect or refused to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, any administrative decision made under this Ordinance or any permit or approval issued under the Ordinance, including any conditions imposed thereon, or who causes, allows or consents to any of the same, shall be deemed to be responsible for a violation of this Ordinance. Any person responsible for a violation of the Ordinance, whether an owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agency, contractor, servant, employee or otherwise, shall be liable as principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 25.07 - ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE (REV. 6/8/97)

Section 25.07 of the County ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 25.07 - ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE - MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS (rev. 6/8/97, amended 9/15/04)

A. Any violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statutes and shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

First offense	\$75.00
Second offense	\$150.00
Third offense	\$325.00
Fourth or add'l offenses	\$500.00

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs, which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the County of Crawford has incurred in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less that \$20.00 be ordered.

B. Any violation of this Ordinance shall immediately constitute a basis for seeking injunctive relief or other appropriate remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with this ordinance and to enforce the provisions thereof, as an alternative to or in addition to the above municipal civil infraction procedure.

SECTION 28.01 - SEVERANCE CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY - The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason, it shall not affect any other part of portion thereof. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 29.01 - EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE, AMENDMENT - This Ordinance will be effective thirty (30) days after publication after adoption of same in its entirety or summary from following passage by the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford, Michigan.

All documents are available for review at the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department, 200 West Michigan Avenue - Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 344-3233.

Joseph J. Duran, Director Building and Zoning.

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP GRAVE SITES

- South Branch Township will be accepting bids for all grave site work at their Township Cemeteries, during the "2005" schedule.
- Proof of Liability Insurance with Worker's Compensation Insurance, must Accompany all bids.
- Please mark envelopes "Cemetery Site Work".
- Bids due by 12:00 p.m. (noon), April 12th, 2005.
- Opening at Board Meeting, April 12th, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. For information call Township Office, Mon-Fri., 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at 275-8232.

The Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and in general to make the award in a manner to be in the best interest of South Branch Township.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD of the TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0436 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2005.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 31st, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HALL.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes .95% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BASIC SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD PROPOSES TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL MILL RATE OF .0436 MILLS (.436 CENTS PER THOUSAND SEV).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate. This notice is published by:

TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS
8405 TWIN BRIDGE ROAD
GRAYLING, MI 49738
989-348-9215
989-348-6437 FAX

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Lashley, a married man and Kristi L. Lashley, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Homestead Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 1998, and recorded on September 20, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 406, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six And 65/100 Dollars (\$44,736.65), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 13, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at intersection of the Centerline of North Down River Road and Lovells Road, thence North 81 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West 638.73 feet to point of beginning, thence continuing along centerline 201.8 feet; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes East 576.52 feet, thence South 87 degrees 44 minutes 40 seconds East 200.00 feet, thence South 00

degrees 18 minutes West 597.01 feet to point of beginning, being part of the North half of the Southeast 1/4, Section 22, Town 27 North, Range 1 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 10, 2005

For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor in interest by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #049781F01

-10-17-24-31

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any,

shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan O. McLeod, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2003, and recorded on February 3, 2003 in Liber 618 on Page 395, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company an Ohio Company as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Eight And 30/100 Dollars (\$118,238.30), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 6, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being all of Lot 18 and Part of Lot 19 of Fawn Subdivision, Recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 43 Crawford County Records, Located in Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Described as Follows: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Lot 18: Thence Northwestly Along Westerly side of said Lot 18 (Next 2 Courses) and along the Arc of a 1451.79 Foot Radius Curve to the right 122.06 feet (Recorded as 122.03 Feet) of which the Chord Bears North 06 Degrees 26 Minutes 56-Seconds West 122.02 Feet: Thence Continuing along said lot line Northwestly along the Arc of a 1082.68 Foot radius Curve to the Left 31.35 Feet (Recorded as 31.12 Feet), of which the chord bears North 04 Degrees 20 Minutes 19 Seconds West 31.35 Feet: Thence North 89 Degrees 22 Minutes 41 Seconds East along the Northernly line of said Lot 18 (Recorded as North 89 Degrees 46 Minutes 10 Seconds East 267.49 Feet) 273.95 feet to the Ausable River: Thence South 39 Degrees 51 Minutes 56 Seconds East (Recorded as South 40 Degrees 05 Minute 30 Seconds East 198.40 Feet) along the Ausable River and Intermediate Traverse Line 198.45 Feet: Thence South 82 Degrees 15 Minutes 34 Seconds West 146.16 Feet: Thence South 87 Degrees 28 Minutes 04 Seconds West 166.29 Feet: Thence North 72 Degrees 08 Minutes 47 Seconds West 77.85 Feet to the point of Beginning. Subject to Restrictions, Reservations, Agreements and Easements, if any.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 3, 2005

For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation successor by merger to Chase Mortgage Company an Ohio Company

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #048861F01

-3-10-17-24

Mortgage Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgages made by Dale A. Larm and Doria L. Larm, husband and wife, and Richard A. Benfield, a single man, original mortgagors sale, to Duane C. LaMotte and Brenda L. LaMotte, husband and wife, mortgagee, dated April 21, 2003 and recorded April 23, 2003 in Liber 629, Pages 630-632, and assigned by such mortgagee to David I. Nethers and Valerie A. Nethers, husband and wife, by Assignment recorded on September 21, 2004 in Liber 671, Page 597, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of \$43,450.24, including interest at the rate of 11 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and applicable statutes in the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, inside the main lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, at 10 a.m. on April 20, 2005.

The premises are located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 44 and 45, Shangri-La Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: March 10, 2005

Mark R. Maddox P25385

Attorney for mortgagee David I. Nethers and Valerie A. Nethers
5820 Eastman Avenue
Midland MI 48640
989/839-9909

-23-30-7-14

Grayling Township Adult and Sexually-Oriented Businesses An amendment to Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2003-02

Adopted March 9, 2005

Effective April 23, 2005

Section 20.02 – Intent

An amendment to Ordinance 2003-02 to provide for the regulation, control and prohibition of certain undesirable adult businesses, sexually oriented businesses, and adult entertainment establishments, near certain zoned districts which allow the following primary or secondary uses: residential, recreational, religious, educational, and other business interests where alcoholic beverages are sold.

Section 20.03 – Legislative Findings

A. The Grayling Township Board of Trustees and the Grayling Township Planning Commission have determined that sexually oriented businesses and activities are recognized as having a deleterious effect upon adjacent areas, causing increased crime rates, blight, a general chilling effect upon other businesses and occupants, a negative disruption in residential and commercial development, decreasing land values of adjacent and nearby properties.

These findings have been substantiated by numerous land use studies which have been upheld by the United States Supreme Court. Recent Supreme Court cases have concluded that, "municipalities have a substantial interest in protecting and preserving the quality of life for its community against the adverse secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses," regardless of the size of the community (Young v. American Mini Theaters, Inc. (1976)), and Renton v. Playtime Theater, Inc. (1986)). The harmful secondary effects the Court identified include:

1. Increased crime.
2. Decreased property values of both residential and commercial properties.
3. Blight which causes people and businesses to flee the community.
4. The Grayling Township Board of Trustees and the Grayling Township Planning Commission have concluded that they have the right, the duty, and the permission (MCLA 125.286b) to protect township citizens from these harmful effects of sexually oriented businesses, including but not limited to:

1. Adult arcades
2. Adult book, novelty (sexual paraphernalia), or video stores
3. Adult cabarets, night clubs, gentlemen's clubs, go-go clubs, strip bars
4. Adult motels or hotels
5. Adult motion picture theaters or adult theaters
6. Escort services or agencies
7. Adult massage parlors

C. The Grayling Township Board of Trustees, the Grayling Township Planning Commission and a substantial number of the members of the general public which reside or own property in Grayling Township have determined through the legal public hearing process that "Sexually Oriented Businesses," are not held to be in keeping with the intentions of the Grayling Township Master Plan, which states,

"This Plan is intended as support for the achievement of the following public objectives, among others:

- To protect public health, safety and general welfare;
- To conserve and protect property values by preventing incompatible uses from locating adjacent to each other;
- To protect and enhance quality of life in the City and Township;
- To protect and preserve the natural resources, unique visual character, and environmental quality of the area;
- To maintain and enhance employment opportunities and tax base of the area;
- To promote an orderly development process which is paced in coordination with the City's and Township's ability to provide services and which permits public officials and citizens an opportunity to monitor change and review proposed development in a reasonable manner; and
- To provide information from which to gain a better understanding of the area and its interdependencies and interrelationships, and upon which to base future land use and public investment decisions."

D. It is not the intent, nor are there legislative findings which support Grayling Township from prohibiting sexually oriented businesses from locating within the boundaries of Grayling Township based on the protections of free speech in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. If a sexually oriented business is engaged in legal speech related activities, one (1) must be allowed even if it falls within the prohibitions listed in Section 20.08.

E. If no commercially zoned land is suitable for locating a legal sexually oriented business in Grayling Township because of prohibitions in Section 20.08, the Grayling Township Planning Commission and the Grayling Township Board of Trustees shall rezone a vacant parcel to alleviate the prohibitions, if such land is vacant and available.

F. In the event any "Sexually Oriented Business" in Grayling Township discontinues operation for a period of more than six (6) months (181 days), the right to operate the business shall terminate.

Section 20.04 – Conformance with Grayling Township Special Use Provisions

Any and all businesses which fit the definition of a "Sexually Oriented Business" require a special use permit, regardless of zone, through the review process of the Grayling Township Planning Commission. Special uses are regulated through Section XVIII of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance (2003-02).

Section 20.05 – Site Plan Review Standards

A. Signage – Must conform to the following regu-

lations, in addition to Grayling Township sign Ordinance (85-1).

1. No words, lettering, photographs, silhouettes, drawings or pictorial representations of "Sexual Paraphernalia," "Specified Sexual Activities" or "Specified Anatomical Areas."

B. Junk, Garbage, Rubbish, and General Blight – The exterior grounds of any "Sexually Oriented Business" must conform to the regulations contained in the Grayling Township blight Ordinance (2003-04).

Section 20.06 – Allowable locations

A. "Sexually Oriented Businesses" may only locate in the following zones:

1. (C-1) General Commercial
2. (C-2) Heavy Commercial
3. (PC) Planned Commercial
4. (I) Industrial
5. (PI) Planned Industrial

B. As of the effective date of this ordinance amendment, the following properties are suitable and available for the location of sexually oriented businesses as long as the requirements for locating such businesses are met in this amendment and in other pertinent articles of Grayling Township Ordinance 2003-02.

1. All vacant parcels of land in the southern half of Section 32, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, zoned (PC) Planned Commercial (See Article XV).

2. All vacant parcels of land in Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Section 5, zoned (C-2) Heavy Commercial (See Article VIII, Section 9.04 and Article IX).

3. All vacant parcels throughout Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Sections 20, 29, 32 and 33, which are currently zoned (PI) Planned Industrial.

Note: The above eligible parcels comprise slightly more than 2,000 acres, or 8.1% of all privately owned land in Grayling Township.

Section 20.07 – Definitions

A. Sexually Oriented Business – Shall include any use of land, whether vacant or combined with structures or vehicles thereon by which said property is devoted to displaying for sale, rent, or lease; or exhibiting for entertainment; a significant portion of items which include matter including "Sexual Paraphernalia," or actions depicting, describing or presenting "Specified Sexual Activities," or "Specified Anatomical Areas."

B. Adult Motion Picture Theater – Shall include any enclosed building or structure with a capacity of fifty (50) or more persons used for presenting material which has a significant portion of any motion picture or other display depicting or relating to "Specified Sexual Activities," or "Specified Anatomical Areas," for observation by patrons therein.

C. Adult Mini-Motion Picture Theater – Shall include any enclosed building or structure with a capacity of less than fifty (50) persons used for presenting material which has a significant portion of any motion picture or other display depicting or relating to "Specified Sexual Activities," or "Specified Anatomical Areas," for observation by patrons therein.

D. Adult Motion Picture Arcade – Shall include any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin or slug operated or electronically or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image producing devices are maintained to show images to five (5) or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where a significant portion of images so displayed depict, describe, or relate to "Specified Sexual Activities," or "Specified Anatomical Areas."

E. Adult Book Store – Shall include any use or combined use which has a display containing books, magazines, periodicals, slides, pictures, cassettes, computer disks, or other printed or recorded material which has a significant portion of its content, or exhibit matter including "Sexual Paraphernalia," or actions depicting, describing or relating to "Specified Sexual Activities," or "Specified Anatomical Areas," or an establishment with a substantial segment or section devoted to the sale or display of such material.

F. Adult Cabaret – Shall include any nightclub, theater or other establishment which features live performances by topless and/or bottomless dancers, including but not limited to "go-go" dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, or similar entertainers, where a significant portion of such performances show, depict, or describe "Specified Sexual Activities," or "Specified Anatomical Areas."

G. Adult Motel/Hotel – Shall include a motel or hotel wherein matter including "Sexual Paraphernalia," actions or other displays are presented which contains a significant portion depicting, describing, or relating to "Specified Sexual Activities," or "Specified Anatomical Areas."

H. Adult Massage Parlor – Shall include any place where for any form of consideration or gratuity, massage, alcohol rub, administration of oils or lotions, electric or magnetic treatment or any other treatment or manipulation of the human body which occurs as part of, or in connection with "Specified Sexual Activities," or where any person providing such treatment, manipulation or service related thereto exposes "Specified Anatomical Areas."

I. Significant Portion – Shall mean and include:

1. Any one (1) or more portions of the display having continuous duration in excess of five (5) minutes; and/or,
2. The aggregate portions of the display having a duration equal to ten (10) percent or more of the display as measured by either number of publicly displayed items and/or ten (10) percent of available public floor space.

J. Display – Shall mean the presentation of any "Sexual Paraphernalia," single motion or still picture, dance or exhibition, live act, or collection of visual materials such as books, films, slides, periodicals, pictures,

computer generated images, video cassettes, computer disks or any other printed or recorded matter which is open to view or available to the general adult population whether free or otherwise.

K. Sexual Paraphernalia – Shall include any item, instrument, or device for sale, rent or lease, which has as its principle use the sexual stimulation of human genitals, breasts, or buttocks for "Specified Sexual Activity."

L. Specified Sexual Activity – Shall mean:

1. Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal,

2. Acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse, sodomy, fellatio, cunnilingus, or intrusion, however slight, of any part of a person's body, or of any foreign object, into the genital or anal openings of another's body.

3. Fondling or erotic touching of human genitals, pubic regions, buttocks, or female breasts.

M. Specified Anatomical Areas – Shall mean:

1. Less than completely and opaquely covered human male and female genitals, pubic regions, buttocks and female breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areola.

2. Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

N. Adult – Shall mean anyone who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age, or older.

O. Church – Shall mean any building used for regular public worship services and is exempt from taxation under the General Property Tax Act of the State of Michigan.

P. School – Shall mean any building regularly used for educating children under the age of eighteen (18) and is exempt from taxation under the General Property Tax Act of the State of Michigan.

Q. Day Care Center – Shall mean any business whose primary concern is watching, protecting and educating children prior to an age where they may enroll in a community school.

R. Public Park – Shall mean any park owned and maintained by Grayling Township or any park owned and maintained by The County of Crawford within Grayling Township.

S. Protected Zones – Shall include (R-1) Single Family Residential, (R-2) General Residential, (R-3 proposed) General Residential Association, (NRD) Natural River District, (RF) Recreational Forest, (PUD) Planned Unit Development.

T. Aggregate Portions – Shall include the combined total of items of "Sexual Paraphernalia" and/or items promoting "Specified Sexual Activities" and/or "Specified Anatomical Areas" on display for sale, rent or lease, or promoting the sale, rent or lease of such items, when compared to salable items which are not defined by this ordinance amendment as sexual in nature.

Section 20.08 – Unlawful Acts

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any of the following single businesses, or combinations of the following businesses, within 1,000 feet of any protected zone.

1. Adult arcades
2. Adult book, novelty (sexual paraphernalia), or video stores
3. Adult cabarets, night clubs, gentlemen's clubs, go-go clubs, strip bars
4. Adult motels or hotels
5. Adult motion picture theaters or adult theaters
6. Escort services or agencies

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any of the following single businesses, or combinations of the following businesses, within 1,500 feet of a church, school, day-care center, or public park in any protected or non-protected zone.

1. Adult arcades
2. Adult book, novelty (sexual paraphernalia), or video stores
3. Adult cabarets, night clubs, gentlemen's clubs, go-go clubs, strip bars
4. Adult motels or hotels
5. Adult motion picture theaters or adult theaters
6. Escort services or agencies

C. It shall be unlawful for any activity in which the participants have less than completely and opaquely covered genitals, pubic regions, buttocks, and female breasts within any protected zone or any church, school, day-care center, or public park.

D. It shall be unlawful to operate an adult massage parlor, nude model studio, or sexual encounter center anywhere in Grayling Township.

Section 20.09 – Violations, Penalties and Inspections

A. Violations of this amendment and the enforcement thereof are regulated through Article XXII of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance.

B. The Grayling Township Supervisor or designated Ordinance Enforcement Officer shall be allowed to enter any "Sexually Oriented Business" during hours of operation for the purposes of inspection to confirm compliance with this ordinance, without prior notification.

Section 20.10 – Severability

Shall any portion of this ordinance amendment be declared invalid by a court of law in the State of Michigan, or the United States of America, the ordinance as a whole and all remaining amendments shall be considered valid and in full force and effect.

Section 20.11 – Effective Date

This amendment to Grayling Township Ordinance 2003-02, shall take effect 30-days after publication, upon recommendation by the Grayling Township Planning Commission and adoption by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
March 25, 1982

A one mill tax increase for special education in the COOR Intermediate School District will be voted on in the June school election.

Camp Grayling, the National Guard training base here, is scheduled for a change of command on May 1982. The designated commander, Col Ivan Gwillt, arrived at the Camp on March 1st for two months of transition training as an understudy to Co. J. R. Lippert.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club along with 13 local merchants are selling super soap to raise money for the high school and middle school athletic programs. The super soap, concentrated laundry soap powder, comes in 10-pound reusable plastic pails for \$7.95 a piece.

Camp Grayling, the large military reservation near Grayling, will host the biggest concentration of National Guard soldiers that has occurred for many years. Approximately 30,000 Guards and Reservists from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan will use the Camp between June and August for 15 day periods.

Brian Shepherd, Mark Hubbard, Terry Sorenson, and Robert Doty competed for the right to represent Michigan in four weight divisions in the Regional Judo Championship tournaments to be held in Kentucky some time in May. Shepherd and Hubbard placed second, Sorenson placed third, and Doty received a first

place. The boys will be competing against the Judo Club from Traverse City some time in April.

Ray Lange, president of Grayling Country Club for 1982, urges everyone to come for the opening on Friday, April 2, and Happy Hour. They don't believe you'll need your shoes and golf clubs yet; however, give a big welcome to the new club manager and his staff. Come out, join the fun, and greet the friends that you haven't seen all winter.

In 1974, Helen Crawford started her own printing business at her home using a mimeograph machine. She expanded, started the Golden rule printing service, and moved into a building first on Ingham Street then inside the West-72 Industrial Plaza. After eight years, Crawford is retiring from printing and has sold Golden Rule printing to Rick Mead.

46 Years Ago
March 26, 1959

Again as spring approaches, the annual problem of fish shanties blocking certain county roads comes to light. Ice fishermen taking their shanties off Lake Margrethe have started to block off the Eagle Point Road.

Come to the Frederic Inn grand opening on April 1st.

Two buildings which have suffered damages because of the snow this winter are the former Peterson Laundry, on which a quarter of the roof of the back one-story gave way after a windstorm which piled all of accompanying snow in one spot, and a shed in back of the Shoppenagons Annex on which the entire roof collapsed.

Several families were in trouble Sunday, having to leave their cars and walk home when possible. We hope our winter storms are over and this was winter's swan song.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded today to personnel of the local Selective Service Board in recognition of their outstanding public service to the nation. It was announced by Charles E. Moore, Chairman of Local Board No. 20. An award was presented to Mr. William H. Joseph of Grayling, five year member, at a ceremony at the Local Board office.

Hunter's Diary, 410 Cedar Street advertising states: "Get your milk the modern, pure way - Valley Lea Milk in cartons - at your door or at your store."

69 Years Ago
March 26, 1936

Shoppenagons Inn and Annex are undergoing extensive redecoration, which are being carried out under the capable direction of Waldemar Jensen. The first story of the Annex is now being done in pastel shades, each room having a different color scheme. The hallways will be pretty, one being carried out in orchid and the other in buff and cream. It is expected that all will be completed before the fishing season begins.

Supt. Hans L. Peterson is happy over the fact that the long-hoped-for project of a new building for the trout hatchery has actually been started in construction. This will replace the hatchery that was built in 1914. The structure will be used for the hatching of trout fry and rearing them until they are ready for transplanting to the rearing ponds. The new structure will

be 72 feet long and 58 feet wide. The cost will be approximately \$18,000, made available by the WPA. One-third of the cost will be borne by the State Conservation Department. Besides the new building the grounds will be beautified and there will be three rustic bridges, trees and shrubs will be planted and the rearing pond sodded.

Finally after long years of effort to put through a plan for an east and west highway between Grayling and Harrisville, it looks as though it would be a certainty before the summer is over. At a special session of the Board of Supervisors held at the courthouse last Friday afternoon, resolutions were adopted endorsing the taking over by the state of the route running from Grayling east to Oscoda and Harrisville, via the north side of the AuSable River. Another resolution urged the completion of an east and west highway from Harrisville, Oscoda, Grayling, Kalkaska and Traverse City. A large portion of this latter route is already a state highway and is general use.

92 Years Ago
March 27, 1913

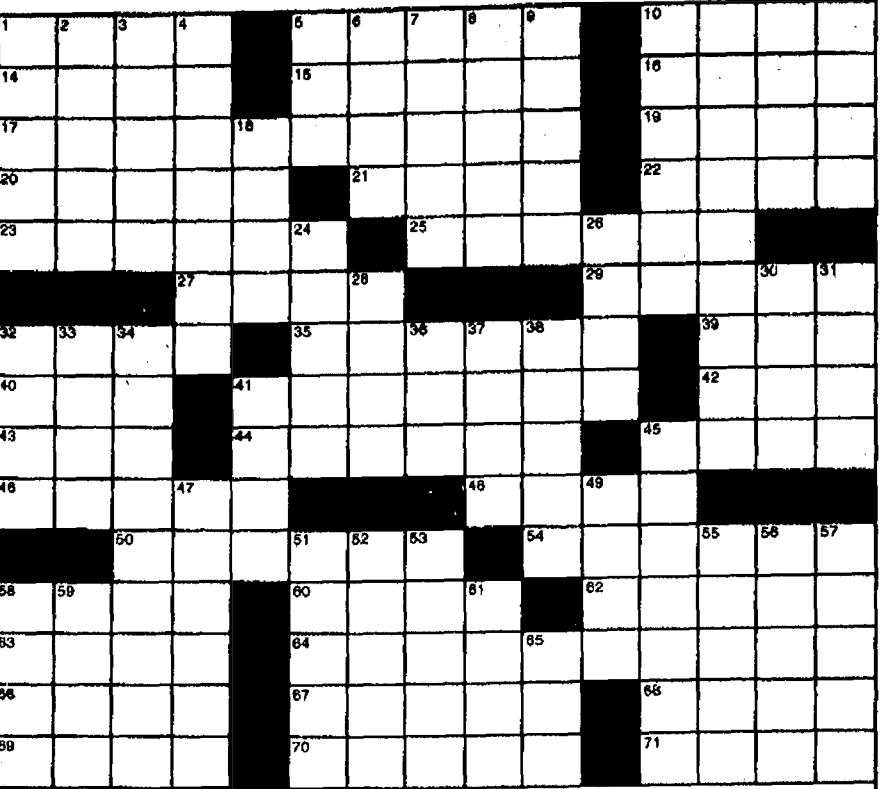
Howard Granger is the new assisting clerk at the Lewis Drug store.

The Kerry and Hanson Flooring company was moved into their new office quarters at the factory.

Mrs. C. Stillwagon will assume charge of the boarding house for four mill hands for T.E. Douglas in Lovells.

James Smith of Frederic has just about completed a successful winter's logging for Salling Hanson Co., just west of the heading mill.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Merge; blend.
 5. Struck down.
 10. Expression of doubt.
 14. Epithet of Athena.
 15. Former title of Turkish officials.
 16. Japanese sandal.
 17. Comedy starring Michael J. Fox.
 19. 2002 Statler Brothers album.
 20. Toughen or harden.
 21. From ... to Eternity.
 22. Jones & ... country vocal team.
 23. ... Brody, 2002 Oscar winner.
 25. Comic ...
 27. Ancient Greek goddess of discord.
 29. Small vehicles pushed by hand.
 32. Abitragers.
 35. Sea ... 2002 Beck album.
 39. Swedish bronze coin.
 40. ... Gees, Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb.
 41. Cant hooks used to handle logs.
 42. Born.
 43. ... & Order.
 44. Worker ant.
 45. ... Lively, remake of Room Service.
 46. Christine ... Emily Valentine on Beverly Hills: 90210.
 48. Against.
 50. ... Company.
 51. Gary Coleman Diff'rent Strokes role.
 58. ... and Again.
 60. The Robert ... Band.
 62. Dorned hut built of ice.
 63. John ... host of I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
 64. Drama starring Christopher Burke.
 66. Person who frequently attends.
 67. Contains acetaminophen.
 68. Betty White Golden Girls role.
 69. Younger brother of 40 across.
 70. Delicious.
 71. John ... Oliver on The New Leave It to Beaver.
- DOWN**
1. Lloyd Bridges' last film.
 2. Large rare African antelope.
 3. Large-eyed arboreal prosimian.
 4. Farms devoted to milk production.
 5. I ... TV show starring Robert Culp.
 6. Order of Hindu monks.
 7. Willow used in wickerwork.
 8. Somebody Up ... Likes Me.
 9. Artwork stand.
 10. False honeysuckle.
 11. Drama focusing on returning WWII GIs.
 12. Day before a Jewish holiday.
 13. ... Kolb, Jeff's mother on Curb Your Enthusiasm.
 18. Sly look.
 24. ... by the Hour, 1999 Rocker-T album.
 26. Frosts a cake.
 28. ... The Movie, 1989 teen flick.
 30. One ... Hill.
 31. Ooze into.
 32. Qualified.
 33. The ... World, an MTV series.
 34. Comedy starring Elizabeth Montgomery.
 36. ... Gardner, Julie in Show Boat.
 37. ... Talbot, Beatrice on The Thin Man.
 38. ... Davis, 1988 Oscar winner.
 41. The Sessions, 2002 Merle Haggard album.
 45. Cher, Sting and Madonna.
 47. ... Stringfield, Susan on ER.
 49. Peter, Paul and Mary.
 51. Reputation.
 52. Susan Lucci All My Children role.
 53. Steel boxes used to store valuables.
 55. Nancy ... Jessica on Kingston Confidential.
 56. Every Which Way but ...
 57. Set of literary premises.
 58. ... Russell, Lisabeth on Jake and the Fat Man.
 59. ... Golden, 2003 Notwit album.
 61. Gate.
 65. Marcia ... Harden, 2001 Oscar winner.



HERB AND ORGANIC VEGETABLE AND TOFU

1 cup organic zucchini	1	Portobello mushroom, lightly rinsed, stem removed
1 cup organic bell pepper (use green)		container (7 oz.) extra firm organic tofu
2 slices red onion	1/2	
1 cup baby summer squash (use yellow crookneck)		Marinade:
1 cup organic bell pepper (use red)	1/4	cup fat free herb style vinaigrette

Wash, trim and cut the first five vegetable ingredients into 1-inch pieces; similarly cut Portobello mushroom cap. Drain tofu and slice in half horizontally. Coat all vegetables and tofu with the marinade. Cook the vegetables and tofu under the broiler or on an indoor or outdoor grill for 8 to 10 minutes, or just until crisp tender. Remove and keep warm. Dice tofu into cubes. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings.

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For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

Dog Opol and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank, The Copy Shop, 7-11, Scheer Motors and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 24, 2005

 CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19 Money is in short supply these days. Be careful how you spend it. A friend is agitated. Find out why - you may be the culprit and not even know it.	 ARIES March 21 - April 19 Too many sleepless nights leave you exhausted. Lock the door, turn off the phone and get some rest. You're going to need it for an upcoming crisis.	 CANCER June 22 - July 22 An important occasion draws near. Mix it up and plan something unusual to celebrate the event. Your family will be surprised.	 LIBRA September 23 - October 22 The secret is out, dear Libra, that you were never supposed to know. Think before you act. Sometimes it's better to just walk away.
 AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18 Personal problems prevent you from fulfilling your promise. Do what it takes to get back on track. A fabulous opportunity waits in the wings.	 TAURUS April 20 - May 20 Heartbreak escapes you at every turn. Count your blessings. A friend isn't so lucky. Be there for them. A rose puts a damper on the weekend's festivities.	 LEO July 23 - August 22 Tales of yesteryear prompt you to do some spring-cleaning. Watch what you throw out. You don't want to get rid of something that can't be replaced.	 SCORPIO October 23 - November 21 Car troubles try your patience. Fortunately, it's not as bad as it seems. A family outing gives you a lift. A friend has something important to tell you.
 PISCES February 19 - March 20 The follies of others, Pisces, serve as a nice distraction to a situation brewing at home. The longer you wait, the worse it will become, so get to the bottom of it now.	 GEMINI May 21 - June 21 An argument breaks out at the office. It's up to you to be the hero and swoop in and play peacemaker before the situation spirals out of control.	 VIRGO August 23 - September 22 A slew of mishaps at home force you to make a repair. It won't be easy and you may have to think outside of the box to do it.	 SAGITTARIUS November 22 - December 21 Temptation is all around you. Stand your ground and don't give in. A remorseful friend drops by for a visit. Welcome them with open arms.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3/16	34	4	10	High 43	High 41	High 43	High 41	High 41	High 42
3/17	35	5	11	Low 22	Low 21	Low 19	Low 15	Low 24	Low 28
3/18	33	0	11	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain/Snow Showers
3/19	36	-2	11						
3/20	34	24	13						
3/21	33	26	13						
3/22	39	17	12						

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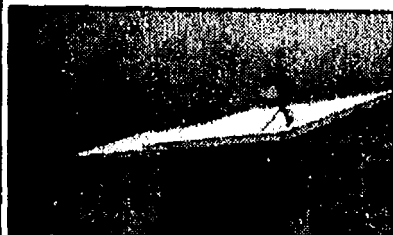
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Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
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Cozy Starter Home on 2.5 acres. This comfy little 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home is a great starter with new hardwood flooring in kitchen, doorwall onto deck, newer carpet and tile in living room, new birch cupboards in utility room and a fenced-in yard. It also has new ceiling fans and a new dishwasher. \$89,900 #237269



Charming full log home. Full log year-round or weekend getaway home. Open floor plan, cathedral ceiling, knotty pine interior, wood stove with stone backdrop and log mantle. Three-season sunroom with hot tub, front and back decks, pole barn with heated workshop and loft for storage. Many more amenities, and close to the "Holy Waters" of the AuSable River. A part of AuSable Country Acres Association. #236608 \$179,900

Call Diann Murphy at 1-800-300-6653

Diann Murphy

1. Real Estate

GRAYLING SURVEYED 2.5 ACRES Rolling valley, great view, near AuSable main stream, state land, \$17,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (3/17/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

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ON HOUGHTON LAKE for sale: large 4 bedroom home with attached 3 car garage, 3 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces and much more. Call Connie at Century 21 989-390-2888 (-24/1)

1. Real Estate

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FOR SALE BY OWNER Grayling, 1.8 acres wooded. Mobile home with two additions, 3 bedrooms, close to town, \$75,000. 989-348-4981 (-24-31-7-14/1)

1. Real Estate

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COZY RANCH with knotty pine interior. Great cabin or rental property close to Grayling. Near golf course & Lake Margrethe. Sold "as is." Only \$18,000. #2162 Call Shirley @ PRO Realty 231-779-2515. (-17-24/1)

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710 (1/6/05TF/1)

START PLANNING now for your new home. Homes starting at \$25,900, models open for viewing. EZ Built Homes located in the Glen's Market Plaza, across from Hallmark, Grayling. 1-866-392-8458 (-24-31-7/1)

NEWLY BUILT 960 sq. ft. home with garage. \$85,000.00. 989-348-4840 (-3-10-17-24/1)

1. Real Estate

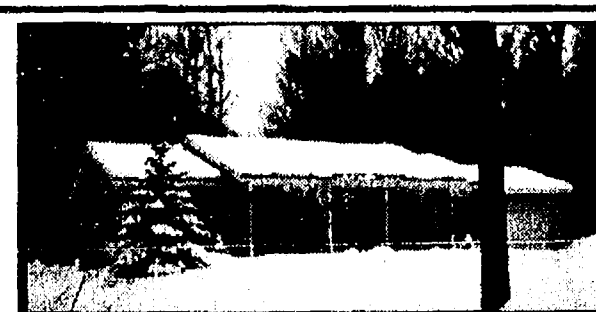
1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

RECENTLY FORECLOSED, land contract terms available, 3 bedroom home @ 10818 Duprey Dr., in Roscommon, (Main St. N to Stephan Bridge Rd. R, left on East Pioneer, R on Duprey Dr.) \$29,900; with \$1,500 down. 11%, 15 year payments of \$325 each. Drive by then call owner, Mr. Shepherd. (517) 336-7626 (No calls before driving by). (-24-31/1)

NEW CONSTRUCTION 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1-car garage. Offers 1-year home warranty. \$88,500 Listing # 235204. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 989-348-6481. (-24/1)

1. Real Estate



940 Robinhood Lane
This well cared for home is a gem. Totally new kitchen with new range, microwave, dishwasher, custom made maple cabinets, Corrian counter tops and many other updates, too numerous to mention. Landscaped in 2002, new doorwall, built-in butch, newer carpeting, circle drive and lots of storage. #237023 \$110,000

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165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER. Handyman special sits 50' from the river's edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral brick in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000



LAKE MARGRETHE HARBOR BEACH WITH DEEDED CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARED SANDY BEACH. Well built 3 story chalet offers 2 separate levels that have kitchen, bath, living room and bedrooms. Perfect for entertaining. Beamed ceilings with pickled white wash. Ceramic tile in baths, black top circle driveway. All appliances. Extensive cedar decking. Mature red and white pines on the property. Property adjoins Bucktail park. Private boat slip #7 with dock. Picnics are with volleyball court and basketball. Private road CS-2047 \$185,000



CLEARED BUILDING SITE ADJOINING STATE LAND. Approx. property size 221x293 (1.48 acres), pines with mixture. Close to all recreational areas. Located in a nice development with club house for members only. CS-1904 \$8,500

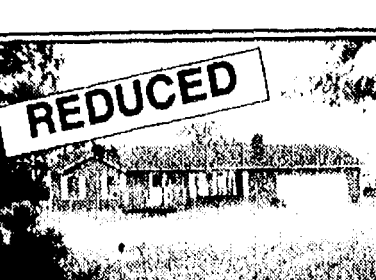
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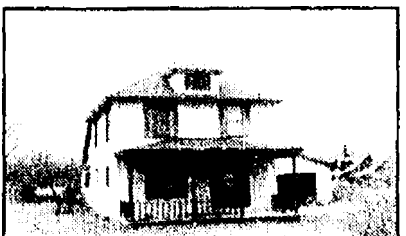
Wooded oversized lot in quiet subdivision. Close to North Higgins Lake State Park. Lot 90x132. Nice hardwoods. Great building site. CS-1179 \$9,000



QUIET 2.9-ACRES WITH COUNTRY SETTING! Very private 2.9 acres! This newly remodeled 1,428 sq. ft. 3 BR, 2BA home features full partially finished basement, wood floors in kitchen and dining room, 3 ceiling fans, beautiful stone fireplace with insert, large bay window in living room, sliding doors off dining room to back deck, 8x12 front porch, attached 2 car garage, & storage shed. CH-2054 \$97,000



3 B/R HOME WITH STUDIO/GUEST HOUSE Freshly remodeled and redecorated country home. 1,515 s.f., 3 B/R, sunken living room with gas fireplace. Dining room w/brick fireplace. 24x28 garage with 576 s.f. finished studio-guest house w/kitchenette and bath. Landscaped yard with flower/herb gardens and pond. Energy efficient with natural gas heat. Gentry-Higgins School District. CH-1876 \$109,500



MINI FARM ON 2.99 ACRES. Remodeled two story farm house. Features include 1,680 s.f. living area, 3 B/R, 2 bath, basement and garage. Drywall throughout. Bay Window in dining room, garden window in kitchen, newer electrical, furnace, vinyl siding, 4 inch wall, septic system, decks, covered porch, lawn front and side yards. Seller in process of moving. New carpet in living room, B/R, bath and stairway. Hardwood floors in entryway. Garage possession not until weather permits. CH-1884 \$106,800



2.5 ACRES OFF BURTON'S LANDING ROAD 30x34 log cottage. AuSable River access, includes windows & doors. Travel trailer on site available for additional \$4,000. \$69,900. CH-1913



175' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER 2,198 s.f. brick home w/full walk-out basement, 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace w/gas logs, sliding doorwall out to patio and riverside Jacuzzi! hot tub. Fully landscaped and all appliances. \$267,500 CH-1938

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NEW LISTING

Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 1.3 acres. Property is just a minute from Knott Lake and close to AuSable River access and ATV/Snowmobile trails. Great primary residence or recreational property. #4700 \$54,76

NEW LISTING

Charming home/cabin on 1/2 acre lot close to Lake Margrethe. Home features two bedrooms and 1.5 baths, large living room and nicely wooded lot. Property close to many recreational amenities...a must see. #5475 \$72,500

NEW LISTING

Cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Saltbox with partially finished basement, 2 car insulated garage, and an older two story farm barn on 2.84 acres, that adjoins thousands of acres of state land! Home features a covered porch, back decking, woodstove, vinyl siding and egress windows in the basement for safety. \$120,000 #5474

REDUCED

Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod featuring a full finished basement, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, covered front porch, sprinkler system, and landscape lighting. Located in quiet setting on a one acre parcel in Sherwood Forest #5446 \$179,900

NEW LISTING

Nice, neat and clean 4 bedroom, 2 bath chalet with attached 2 car garage. Home features, fireplace, 2x23 game room with pool table, satellite tv, storage shed and newer roof and vinyl siding! Enjoy the amenities offered by Lakes of the North! \$125,900 #5468

REDUCED

There is a great up-north feel to this 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with deeded access to Lake Elizabeth. Features interior wooden accents, a wood burning fireplace, 2 car garage for your toys, all on 10 acres. #5442 \$160,000

REDUCED

Enjoy the view from just about any room in this 3 bedroom, log sided home. Home features 9' ceilings, full walkout basement with 9' ceilings, 3 full baths, 2 possible bedrooms in basement. Perfect location for primary residence or recreational retreat. #5443 \$200,000

REDUCED

Quiet setting only a minute from town. Enjoy this 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch in Grayling's North Park Subdivision. Home features gas fireplace, 2 car garage, sprinkler system and full basement. Great opportunity in desirable neighborhood. #5440 \$150,000

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GREAT LOCATION with large mature hardwoods and snowmobile trails just minutes away. Lots & lots of storage. 1.5 car garage, car port and 2 enclosed porches. \$77,500 Listing # 237236. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 989-348-6481. (-24/1)

THIS COMFY little 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home is a great starter with new hardwood flooring in kitchen. Doorway onto deck, newer carpet and tile in living room. New birch cupboards in utility room and a fenced-in yard. It also has new ceiling fans and a new dishwasher. \$89,900 Listing # 237269. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 989-348-6481. (-24/1)

PERFECT HOME OR CABIN on 10 acres adjoining state land. 700 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 24X32 guest quarters with kitchen, bath, bedroom and 14X10 deck. 12X24 shed with attached 12X12 dog kennel & 16X30 dog run. All appliances included. Would make a great hunting or snowmobiling camp. \$79,900 Listing # 235215. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 989-348-6481. (-24/1)

LOOKING FOR an Up North getaway? Great location for snowmobiling and close to state land for hunting. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, new well, septic, furnace and steel roof. Also includes a guest cabin. In need of some finishing. \$59,500 Listing # 236128. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 989-348-6481. (-24/1)

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3. Employment

100 WORKERS NEEDED Assemble crafts, wood items. Materials provided. To \$480+ week. Free information package 24 hour. 801-428-4641. (-3-10-17-24-31/3)

RADIOGRAPHER NEEDED in Houghton Lake area to provide mobile radiographer services to our nursing home patients. This position is full time, days (10:00-6:00pm) and offers competitive salary & benefits. Must be ARRT registered or eligible. Call Mary @ 586-254-0266 or fax to 586-254-0648. E-mail: m.hann@comcast.net. (-17-24/3)

PC AND NETWORK SPECIALIST part-time position in Gaylord. A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration/Computer Science is preferred, but any combination of education, training, and experience providing the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job would be considered. Extensive and current knowledge of security, networking, computers, and software packages is essential. Please send resume to Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, P.O. Box 1278, Gaylord, MI 49734. EOE (-17-24-31/3)

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for golf maintenance, wait staff, kitchen & Golf Shop. Applications are available this Thursday from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Skyline Ski & Country Club. (-24/3)

3. Employment

CRAWFORD COUNTY IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS

The Crawford County Building and Zoning Department is seeking an energetic, enthusiastic, and creative person that is willing to accept the challenges/rewards that come with serving the community. The preferred applicant will possess strong communication skills and problem solving ability. Some computer experience will be beneficial. The successful candidate will work 20-25 hours per week from April 1st-September 30th. Interested candidates should send their resume to the Crawford County Administrator, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. The deadline for consideration is 4:00 pm on Monday 3/28/05. Crawford County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HOMECARE POSITION OPEN

One Full-time Registered Nurse Position
Open for Grayling Service Area

Candidate must be a graduate from an accredited school and have a current Michigan license. Requirements: Minimum 1 year of professional nursing experience, ability to assess and act upon client needs without direct supervision, and willingness to travel in our geographic region. Automated documentation system, experience with this a plus. Incredible benefits, competitive pay, some on-call responsibility. For immediate consideration, please fax resume to:

Brenda Lake, Business Manager
Fax 989-348-0047
or call

1-800-424-1457 or 1-800-822-8318

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Registered Nurses - Current openings on all shifts. Full or part time. We offer great pay and benefits. Come join our Nursing Facility. We desire individuals who have a desire to work and have compassion. Call or stop in at:



Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling or call 348-2801.

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TRAVERSE CITY RECORD-EAGLE is looking for independent contractor for motor route available in Grayling area. Ideal second income. Just a few hours in the early a.m. seven days a week. Must have dependable transportation and a back up vehicle. Call Greg for details. (231) 933-1503. (-17-24/3)

SUMMER HELP cashiers, stock, and Dairy Queen. Evergreen Party Store, Roscommon 821-5425. (-17-24/3)

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER and loan processor needed for Grayling area. Both of these positions require the ability to work in a fast paced environment with good organizational skills and attention to detail. Experience preferred. Pay commensurate with position offered and experience. Send typed resume with handwritten cover letter to P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738, ATTN: RSL. (-24-31/3)

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INFECTION CONTROL NURSE/ QUALITY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking a Registered Nurse with a minimum of 5 years progressive clinical experience to assume responsibilities as an Infection Control Nurse/Quality Management Specialist. Experience in data collection and interpretation as well as an understanding of clinical practice is required. Knowledge of Clinical Practice Standards and JCAHO Standards, previous work in Infection Control and a BSN are preferred. We offer a competitive salary and benefit package. Interested persons please contact:

Human Resources - Mercy Hospital Grayling
1100 E. Michigan Ave
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: 989-348-0570
Fax: 989-348-0485
slewis@trinity-health.org

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST - RADIOLOGY

Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking an experienced Medical Transcriptionist. High school graduate or equivalent required, and college level courses in anatomy, physiology and medical Terminology preferred. Qualified candidates will have 3-5 years experience in hospital radiology services, applicants with at least 1-2 years general hospital experience will also be considered. We offer competitive wages and an excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact:

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QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

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FOR SALE 89 Ford Ranger, \$475. Snowblower elec. start, \$525. Gas stove, \$75. Wall furnace, \$200. Space heater oil, \$200. 989-344-2270. (-10/21/04tf/5)

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GOING ON SPRING BREAK? JCPenney Catalog has what you need for a new spring wardrobe. Stop by your local JCPenney Catalog merchant at 118 Michigan Ave. to see the new spring and summer catalog or you can go to www.jcpenny.com to see everything new for spring. (-10-17-24/5)

TREES-BULBS-FERNS: Cedar, Fir, Hemlock, Pine, Spruce, Tamarack, hardwoods & wildlife shrubs (seedlings and transplants); woodland bulb & ferns. Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, 606 Lake Street/CRAF Center, Roscommon. Call 989-275-5231. Deadline for pre-ordering is April 1st. (-17-24-31/5)

1999 POLARIS CLASSIC with electric start and reverse. Less than 500 miles with 2 place aluminum tilt trailer, \$3,500. Firm Fisher LD series plow with all access, 3 months old. Call for more details 1-989-390-0767. (-17-24/5)

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8. Announcements

PRO-FORM MOTORIZED TREADMILL \$300, HealthRider exerciser with extras \$100, oak lift-top desk \$100, 20" color TV \$20, VCR \$20, printer stand \$5, table for 2 with 4 chairs \$50, large wood computer desk with hutch \$125. (989) 348-6708 (-24/5)

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6. Wanted

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LOOKING FOR A HOME on land contract in Grayling or Gaylord area. \$1000 down, \$1000 per month. Please no realtors apply. 989-551-0248 (-24-31-7-14/6)

7. Miscellaneous

4X8 LIGHTED SIGNS for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295 (4/24/03tf/7)

LIMITED PRE-SEASON golf memberships starting at \$299 with cart at Hawk Ridge golf course. Leagues are now forming, call now. 989-275-2000 and leave message or e-mail to skyline@m33access.com. See our rates on the web at hawkridgegolf.net. (-24-31-7/7)

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8. Announcements

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I REMEMBER Papa Bear, new book by Dick Lattimer. For your personally autographed copy please call and get on the list. Dick will be signing them and shipping them back to me. Call Pete Koefas 989-344-7669. (3/10/05tf/8)

SKYLINE will be closed for spring maintenance from March 20th thru April 14th. Weather permitting the restaurant and golf course will re-open on Friday the 15th of April. Sign up now for leagues and pre-season discounted memberships. Please leave message at 989-275-5445. (-10-17-24-31-7/8)

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BURT LAKE Christian Church is taking reservations for booths at its first annual flea market/craft fair to be held on May 21, 2005. Reserve your space now. Tables are limited. Contact Kathy Gino. 231-548-5285 or Judy Lesh 231-238-8257 by April 30, 2005. (-17-24/8)

BANJO PICKER at the Sawmill. April 5th, 7-11 p.m. (-24/8)

7. Miscellaneous

Crossword Answers

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INURE	HERE	LEVA
ADRIEN	RELIEF	
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BEE	PEAVIES	NEE
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8. Announcements

SCRAPBOOKING CRO

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD
10AM-7PM

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\$20 Registration Fee
989-344-7444 after 5pm
or email: akgenr@yahoo.com

8. Announcements

North Central Area Union is seeking nominations from interested parties for positions on our Board of Directors. Any member in good standing, with time to devote as a volunteer, is encouraged to submit a letter of interest with qualifications to:

North Central Area Credit Union
Attn: Nominating Committee
P.O. Box 481
Grayling MI 49738

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BEACH PARTY at the Sawmill! March 25th & 26th. (-24/8)

SKYLINE will be closed until April 15th for maintenance preparing for the opening of the golf course. See you then. (-24-31/8)

9. Personals

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracle, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, Faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glories for nine consecutive days. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. (-24/9)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

9. Personals

Happy 30th Anniversary
Marcie & Doug
(Dr. & Mrs. Slater)

10. Garage Sales

MOVING/ESTATE/ GARAGE SALE...
SATURDAY, MARCH 26
9 A.M. UNTIL...
Some furniture, brass headboards, dresser and mirror, 4 dining room chairs, sideboard, one Lazy Boy armless chair, lamps, kitchen items, 4 drawer metal file, woman's clothing, craft items, etc. etc.
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8. Announcements

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1999 DODGE INTREPID like new, 30,600 miles, \$5,500 or best offer. Ask for Cory 344-1121 or 350-7235. (-17-24/11)

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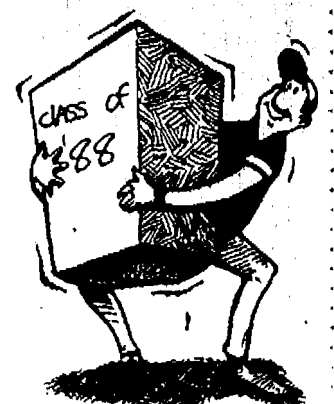
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